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History in the districting

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While Shawsheen resident Ray H. Flynn reports widespread support of his proposal to form a local historic district in Shawsheen Village, some residents of the proposed district are saying thanks, but no thanks.

Dan Guillet, of Enmore Street, says all but three households on that street signed a petition he circulated that opposes the formation of a local historic district in that village.

Residents who oppose or have doubts about the plan say they are concerned that regulations, which have not yet been determined, will be too harsh, or that they could cause financial hardship.

Guillet says he has no plans to quash the project altogether, but may ask Flynn to remove Enmore Street from the proposed district.

In general, Flynn says there is plenty of support for the district. Flynn, who chairs the Shawsheen Historic District Study Committee, says 46 percent of 475 surveys distributed by the committee were returned, and of those who responded, 86 percent favored establishing an historic district.

Last week, the *Townsman* incorrectly reported that 42 percent of the surveys were returned, and of those,

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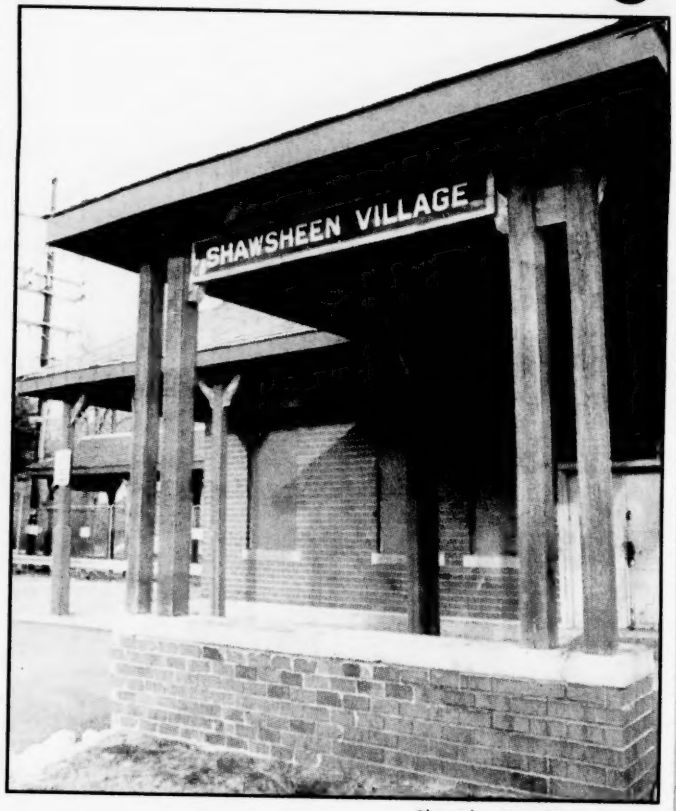


Photo by Carol Van Doren

All aboard? The train may not stop here any more, but some residents are hoping the town will hop on the bandwagon to establish a local historic commission in Shawsheen Village. The former Shawsheen Village train station near Haverhill Street is one of many village sites included on the National Register of Historic Places, and would come under the jurisdiction of a local historical commission.

Downs is in

It'll be a race for selectman

By Neil Fater

It seems 12 years of selectmen meetings aren't enough for Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs. But to get another three years of them, he'll have to beat at least two challengers looking for their first year as a selectman.

Downs will face Mary French, a former Andover schools administrator who announced for office last month, and now Thomas Collins, a Main Street attorney, on the March ballot. Both French and Collins have already taken out papers.

After declaring Monday night that he will run for reelection, Downs himself took out papers in the town clerk's office first thing Tuesday morning.

"I'll keep a little stability on the board, with my experience," says the 71-year-old Downs. "I'm a little older than the other guys (current selectmen)."

Downs has the most experience of the five current selectmen. Three have

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The accidental visitor — This Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Eleanor Agostino, of Rocky Hill Road, crashed into the home of Eva Vastl, 88 Dascomb Road, early Wednesday morning. There were no injuries, but a building inspector told police to leave the car in place briefly, since it was now supporting part of the house. Story, page 5.

Expensive options

By Neil Fater

Andover can afford the planned new schools, new safety center and other items in its capital improvement plan, says Finance Committee member Joanne Marden. But — Proposition 2½ override or not — town departments won't be able to increase their operating budgets at the rates they have over the past few years if it does.

Marden has looked at five different ways to fund the proposed capital items.

Under all five of the financing options she analyzed, there will less money available for operating budget increases during the next five years than the increases in each of the previous five years.

During the past five fiscal years, the town's collective operating budget has grown between 5.9 and 7.7 percent each year, she says.

With some occasional annual exceptions, whether the town uses zero, one or two debt exclusions to fund the proposed

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Warm and dry — Henry the dog looks a bit more comfortable a few days after Fire Lt. Scott Gorrie pulled him out of the freezing Merrimack River. Brothers Lenny (top) and Jeffrey Kublin are also thankful to have their companion back in good health.

Andover firefighter is this dog's best friend

The Kublin family's not-very-old dog learned a new trick Friday — how to get rescued by the Andover Fire Department.

Henry, a 17-month-old chocolate Labrador adopted by the Kublin Family of Mercury Circle in West Andover, got loose on New Year's Day around 10:30 a.m., and bounded out onto the partially frozen Merrimack River.

Despite the bitter cold, the ice on the river broke when Henry was about 275 feet out onto the river, according to Dep. Fire Chief Chuck Murnane. A call to the Andover Fire Department summoned fire fighters including Lt. Scott Gorrie from the West Andover Fire Station.

Gorrie donned the wet suit designed for water rescues (referred to by firefighters as the "Gumby" suit). With the back up of fellow fire fighters and 300 feet of rope, Gorrie ventured out onto the ice to rescue the dog.

Walking the ice on the river is treacherous, Murnane says, since a current is constantly running under it. Fortunately, they were prepared.

"We just had training that morning on what we would do," says Murnane.

Firefighters are refreshed in water-rescue techniques annually in early winter, when people and animals are most likely to fall through the ice, Murnane says.

Gorrie was nearly at the end of his rope, literally, when he fell into the river himself. Meanwhile, Henry was having trouble staying afloat, says owner Sara

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News In Brief

Dog owners: Time to renew

Dog license renewal notices are being sent to resident dog owners. The 1999 dog tags are available and the cost per license is $8.

Dog license renewal is the month of January. An administrative fee will begin March 1. According to Town Meeting bylaw, any dog licensed after February will include a cumulative administrative fee of $2 per month.

Residents may register their dogs at the Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m.. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or through the mail by sending a check payable to the Town of Andover for $8 and a current rabies certificate, to the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810.

Call the Town Clerk's office at 623-8257 with any questions.

Census forms coming

The annual town census for 1999 will be mailed to residents this week.

Complete and return your census form as soon as possible. Special census boxes will be available throughout the town and are listed on the census form. If you do not receive a census form by the end of January, call the Town Clerk's office at 623-8200 for a replacement.

Town warrant is open

The Town Clerk's office reminds residents that the final date to file private warrant articles with the Town Clerk for the annual Town Meeting is Friday, Jan. 22, at 4:30 p.m. Town Meeting scheduled for April 26, 27 and May 10, 1999.

Call the Town Clerk's Office at 623-8200 for information on how to obtain warrant article forms, or stop by the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The town election will be held Tuesday, March 23, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Gymnasium Complex.

Calling candidates

Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, March 22, are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Offices available this year include Moderator, one seat for one year; School Committee, one seat for three years; Board of Selectmen, one seat for three years, and Housing Authority, one seat for five years.

The last day to return nomination papers is Feb. 2. For more information call 623-8258.

Chamber directors host school heads

The Andover Chamber of Commerce directors will host Phillips Academy Head of School Barbara Landis Chase and Andover Schools Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach today (Thursday) at 7:30 a.m. at the Andover Inn.

The school officials have been asked to provide an update on their schools or school districts, talk about any changes that will be coming, and to answer questions from directors.

For the record

In last week's editorial, "Resolved, for 1999," the *Townsman* incorrectly stated that the town had not yet established a permanent location for the youth skate park. While the park did have to be dismantled at the end of the summer from its location behind the West Middle School, it will be installed there permanently this spring.

The *Townsman* regrets the error.

News Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 7

Board of Appeals, monthly meeting, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

After School Programs Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, 6 p.m.

Friday, January 8

Council on Aging executive committee, senior center, 8 a.m.

Saturday, January 9

Board of Appeals, deliberating meeting, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

Monday, January 11

Council on Aging, senior center, 8 a.m.

Senior Center Building Committee, senior drop-in center, Old Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Committee, second floor, Old Town Hall, 120 Main St., 9 a.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School Building Expansion Subcommittee, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.; **Sick Bank Subcommittee**, executive session, 5 p.m.

Preservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, budget workshop, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

Andover High School Council, high school library, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

'I'll keep a little stability on the board, with my experience. "I'm a little older than the other guys."

Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs, 71, announcing that he'll seek another three-year term.

'They (FPF Corp.) are paid right up until Jan. 1. So they are now a happy, current taxpayer. Well, I don't know how happy they are, but they're a current taxpayer."

Town Treasurer David Reilly, announcing that the owners of the so-called Champy property have paid their property taxes, after a decade of delinquency.

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Kublin.

"He went under when he fell. He kept coming up but the ice would break," Kublin says.

The firefighter finally reached Henry and got him out of the water, but the dog fell right back in again, Murnane says.

Gorrie got the dog out again and the two returned safely, if a bit frozen.

The Kublin family had taken their dog home in May. And he was in fine puppy spirits for his photo this week, despite a bit of bacteria in his ears from his swim, says owner Sara Kublin.

During his visit to the West Andover Fire Station, Henry stopped running around periodically to roll around and offer his belly up for a rub.

"That's all he wanted when he got out of the water — to have his belly rubbed," Gorrie says, a dog owner himself.

Kublin says she and her family were grateful to the fire fighters, especially Gorrie, for their rescue efforts.

"That man is phenomenal," Kublin says of Gorrie.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Area legislators hire new aides



Amy Morris

Another Andover native joined the troops of U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan this year.

Meehan hired Amy Morris, 25, a graduate of Andover High School and UMass Amherst, as a legislative aide in his Lowell office.

She spent her senior year of college writing for WBZ-TV Channel 4, and when she graduated, heard there was an opening in Meehan's office.

"It gave me an opportunity to help people and also write," Morris says.

An English major, Morris says the best part about her new job is the energy in the office.

"The amount of encouragement (from Meehan) really trickles down to all of us. He really encourages self-starting and innovation, and I think that's more intense, given the young ages of all of us. We could do anything," Morris says.

Morris says not every place she has worked has been so supportive of their greener employees.

"Often the young person is the first to take the hit, but my impression is that (Meehan) really believes in giving young people a chance.

Morris says she plans to go back to school someday, and expects she'll look into public policy. In the meantime, she's happy to be a part of Meehan's team.

Morris is the daughter of author Mary and attorney Michael Morris.

In other legislative aide news at the state level, former North Andover resident Laura DeLuca, aide to Barry Finegold, leaves for San Diego, Calif., this month.



Josh Plumb

Josh Plumb, 23, of Lexington took over this week. He graduated from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania in 1997 before landing his first job with the Scott Harshbarger campaign for governor. Plumb worked on a variety of projects including campaign computer databases and fund raising, he says.

He graduated with a degree and business, but wasn't expecting to go into politics, he says.

He did consider playing professional tennis, but breaking into it would be quite competitive, he says.

"I probably would have had a better chance running for governor," Plumb says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Winter bursts on the scene

Winter may have officially begun last month, but the nearly annual townwide explosion of frozen water pipes that rang in the new year made it truly official for the Andover Fire Department.

As the first bitter cold spell hit the region over the weekend, Andover residents and businesses experienced widespread water damage from frozen and burst water pipes.

"When we get really cold weather for the first time, sometime people don't take the precautions they should," says Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Murnane.

Precautions include putting insulation on water pipes, and periodically running water to keep it from freezing, Murnane says.

Buildings with sprinkler systems may be at greater risk of freezing water pipes, since no one checks to see if water is running on a regular basis, he says.

That occurred at Temple Emanuel on Haggetts Pond Road twice this week, once Sunday night, and again on Monday night.

The sprinkler system in the unheated foyer of the temple froze and burst, creating flooding the foyer and damaging rugs, according to a temple administrator.

The water also shorted out their alarm system, which is now fixed, the administrator says, but the building had to be manned overnight Sunday while the alarm was disabled.

Murnane says water damage occurred all over town. The department received calls from more than eight private homes including residences in the Dale Street area, and from schools including Merrimack College and Phillips Academy's Abbot Hall.

"And there are bound to be more. Once it freezes, the water won't flow, but as soon as it thaws, the water flow starts," Murnane says.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

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Car collides with house

By Neil Fater

A Ford Crown Victoria broke down the front door of Eva Vastl's home Wednesday morning, and wedged itself between the top and bottom floor.

Two hours after the car entered the 88 Dascomb Road home, a building inspector determined workers might have to shore up the building before removing the car, said Officer Jason Dowd.

"He (the inspector) doesn't think we should pull the car out," said Dowd. "I guess (the crash) pulled some of the wall out from the foundation. They think most of that side of the house is being held up by the car."

The accident occurred around 8:30 a.m. and police say the driver of the car, Eleanor Agostino, was not injured. Police say Agostino's driver's license gave a Rocky Hill Road address. No one was home at the time of the crash, except for a caged bird that could be heard squawking.

Agostino's car clipped a hedge and took down a tree decorated with Christmas lights before hitting the house.

The front right side of her car entered a lower-level room that appeared to be a work and play area. Glass, insulation and window screens joined a scattered toy train set on the floor of the room.

Standing at the accident scene shortly after the crash, Dowd said the accident occurred after Agostino tried to enter Dascomb Road from nearby Lovejoy Road while facing the low morning sun. As Agostino took a left turn onto Dascomb, another car entering Dascomb Road from Acorn Street across Dascomb from Agostino made her feel she had to either speed up or avoid her brakes to stay out of the way of the car, said Dowd.

"She didn't want to hit the woman (in the other car). She sped up, lost control and I don't think she ever hit the brake," he said.

Police do not know who the other driver was, and believe that driver may not have even seen the accident take place. Agostino declined comment about the incident.

The car sticking out of the home was a remarkable sight, even to those used to dealing with such accidents.

"I've had them hit a lot of houses in town over the years, but never one that went this deep," said Ron Abraham, of Elm Street Automotive, the company called to tow the car.

But Abraham said in some ways Agostino, the driver of the vehicle, was lucky.

"It caught the house well. I think it would have kept on going if the front wheels hadn't hit the house the way they did. Even the impact was on the passenger side," said Abraham.

A car squealed to a stop on Dascomb to look at the accident, as Abraham and Dowd continued talking.

"There's going to be another (accident) before this one's over," warned Abraham.

Dowd said many people were stopping to look at the damage all morning.

"Rubberneckers," said Dowd, nodding. "Big-time."

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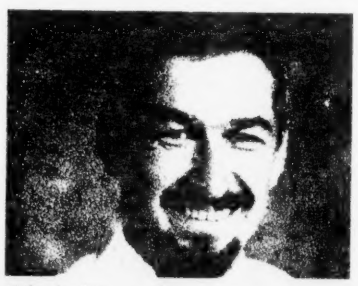
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"He went under when he fell. He kept coming up but the ice would break," Kublin says.

The firefighter finally reached Henry and got him out of the water, but the dog fell right back in again, Murnane says.

Gorrie got the dog out again and the two returned safely, if a bit frozen.

The Kublin family had taken their dog home in May. And he was in fine puppy spirits for his photo this week, despite a bit of bacteria in his ears from his swim, says owner Sara Kublin.

During his visit to the West Andover Fire Station, Henry stopped running around periodically to roll around and offer his belly up for a rub.

"That's all he wanted when he got out of the water — to have his belly rubbed," Gorrie says, a dog owner himself.

Kublin says she and her family were grateful to the fire fighters, especially Gorrie, for their rescue efforts.

"That man is phenomenal," Kublin says of Gorrie.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Area legislators hire new aides



Amy Morris

Another Andover native joined the troops of U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan this year.

Meehan hired Amy Morris, 25, a graduate of Andover High School and UMass Amherst, as a legislative aide in his Lowell office.

She spent her senior year of college writing for WBZ-TV Channel 4, and when she graduated, heard there was an opening in Meehan's office.

"It gave me an opportunity to help people and also write," Morris says.

An English major, Morris says the best part about her new job is the energy in the office.

"The amount of encouragement (from Meehan) really trickles down to all of us. He really encourages self-starting and innovation, and I think that's more intense, given the young ages of all of us. We could do anything." Morris says.

Morris says not every place she has worked has been so supportive of their greener employees.

"Often the young person is the first to take the hit, but my impression is that (Meehan) really believes in giving young people a chance.

Morris says she plans to go back to school someday, and expects she'll look into public policy. In the meantime, she's happy to be a part of Meehan's team.

Morris is the daughter of author Mary and attorney Michael Morris.

In other legislative aide news at the state level, former North Andover resident Laura DeLuca, aide to Barry Finegold, leaves for San Diego, Calif., this month.



Josh Plumb

Josh Plumb, 23, of Lexington took over this week. He graduated from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania in 1997 before landing his first job with the Scott Harshbarger campaign for governor. Plumb worked on a variety of projects including campaign computer databases and fund raising, he says.

He graduated with a degree and business, but wasn't expecting to go into politics, he says.

He did consider playing professional tennis, but breaking into it would be quite competitive, he says.

"I probably would have had a better chance running for governor," Plumb says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Winter bursts on the scene

Winter may have officially begun last month, but the nearly annual townwide explosion of frozen water pipes that rang in the new year made it truly official for the Andover Fire Department.

As the first bitter cold spell hit the region over the weekend, Andover residents and businesses experienced widespread water damage from frozen and burst water pipes.

"When we get really cold weather for the first time, sometime people don't take the precautions they should," says Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Murnane.

Precautions include putting insulation on water pipes, and periodically running water to keep it from freezing, Murnane says.

Buildings with sprinkler systems may be at greater risk of freezing water pipes, since no one checks to see if water is running on a regular basis, he says.

That occurred at Temple Emanuel on Haggetts Pond Road twice this week, once Sunday night, and again on Monday night.

The sprinkler system in the unheated foyer of the temple froze and burst, creating flooding the foyer and damaging rugs, according to a temple administrator.

The water also shorted out their alarm system, which is now fixed, the administrator says, but the building had to be manned overnight Sunday while the alarm was disabled.

Murnane says water damage occurred all over town. The department received calls from more than eight private homes including residences in the Dale Street area, and from schools including Merrimack College and Phillips Academy's Abbot Hall.

"And there are bound to be more. Once it freezes, the water won't flow, but as soon as it thaws, the water flow starts," Murnane says.

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Car collides with house

By Neil Fater

A Ford Crown Victoria broke down the front door of Eva Vastl's home Wednesday morning, and wedged itself between the top and bottom floor.

Two hours after the car entered the 88 Dascomb Road home, a building inspector determined workers might have to shore up the building before removing the car, said Officer Jason Dowd.

"He (the inspector) doesn't think we should pull the car out," said Dowd. "I guess (the crash) pulled some of the wall out from the foundation. They think most of that side of the house is being held up by the car."

The accident occurred around 8:30 a.m. and police say the driver of the car, Eleanor Agostino, was not injured. Police say Agostino's driver's license gave a Rocky Hill Road address. No one was home at the time of the crash, except for a caged bird that could be heard squawking.

Agostino's car clipped a hedge and took down a tree decorated with Christmas lights before hitting the house.

The front right side of her car entered a lower-level room that appeared to be a work and play area. Glass, insulation and window screens joined a scattered toy train set on the floor of the room.

Standing at the accident scene shortly after the crash, Dowd said the accident occurred after Agostino tried to enter Dascomb Road from nearby Lovejoy Road while facing the low morning sun. As Agostino took a left turn onto Dascomb, another car entering Dascomb Road from Acorn Street across Dascomb from Agostino made her feel she had to either speed up or avoid her brakes to stay out of the way of the car, said Dowd.

"She didn't want to hit the woman (in the other car). She sped up, lost control and I don't think she ever hit the brake," he said.

Police do not know who the other driver was, and believe that driver may not have even seen the accident take place. Agostino declined comment about the incident.

The car sticking out of the home was a remarkable sight, even to those used to dealing with such accidents.

"I've had them hit a lot of houses in town over the years, but never one that went this deep," said Ron Abraham, of Elm Street Automotive, the company called to tow the car.

But Abraham said in some ways Agostino, the driver of the vehicle, was lucky.

"It caught the house well. I think it would have kept on going if the front wheels hadn't hit the house the way they did. Even the impact was on the passenger side," said Abraham.

A car squealed to a stop on Dascomb to look at the accident, as Abraham and Dowd continued talking.

"There's going to be another (accident) before this one's over," warned Abraham.

Dowd said many people were stopping to look at the damage all morning.

"Rubberneckers," said Dowd, nodding. "Bigtime."

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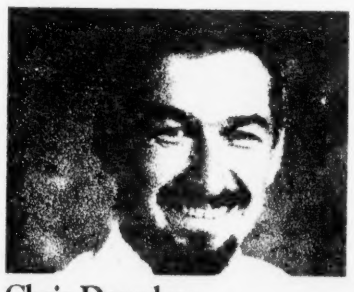
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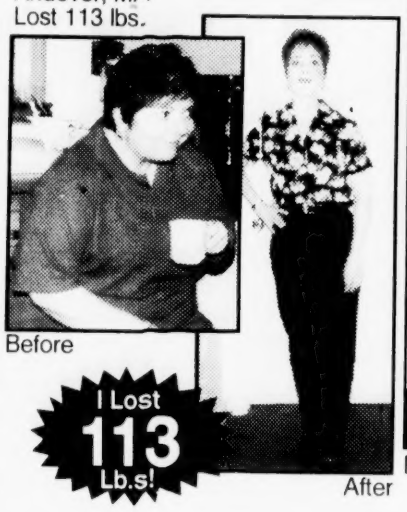
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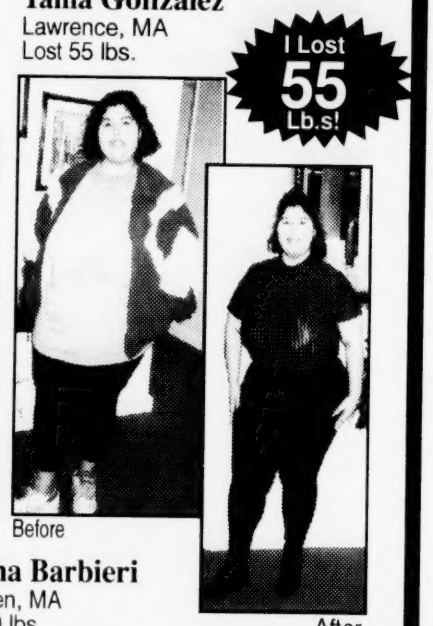
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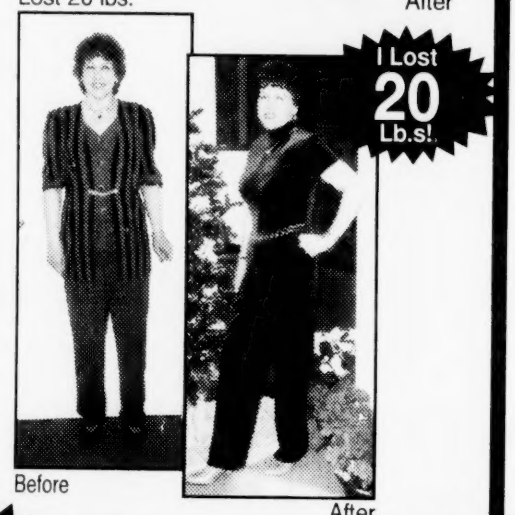
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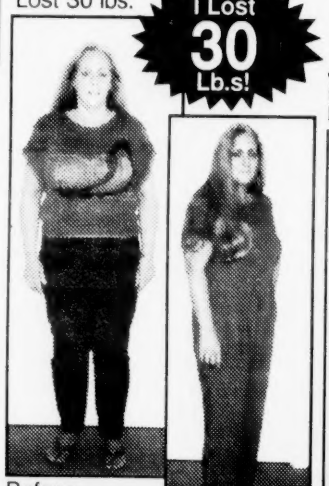
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Krinsky land to live again

By Neil Fater

The old Krinsky land on Park Street that once housed lively Morris Krinsky and his junkyard will soon live again.

Demolition of the remaining building on that property will soon begin, and a new three-story office building should take its place.

"We're going to start some demolition work on it, and get going with the building," says Tom Carroll, who owns the building along with other partners. "The anchor tenant will be Re/Max Preferred Inc. Leases have been signed."

Carroll believes workers could begin building during the winter because of relatively mild temperatures.

There will be room for other tenants besides Re/Max. Town planner Steve Colyer says the planned building is a three-story 9,680 square foot, Federalist-style office building that will sit on the corner of Florence and Park streets, facing Park Street. There will be parking on the side facing the Park Street mini-mall and in back of the building.

A screen fence will be installed during construction between the Krinsky property and the residential property on Florence Street, says Colyer.

Morris Krinsky and his junkyard were well known in town.

"He was quite an interesting guy. I talked to him myself," says Carroll. "(He was) a piece of the town's history for sure."

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Inaugural is a time for both parties to party

By Taylor Armerding

Yes, everybody knows that the really important event in state government this week is the swearing in of Gov. Paul Cellucci at noon today (Thursday) at the Statehouse.

But what everybody really wants to know is who's going to the inaugural ball that evening at the Hynes Convention Center.

It is probably the biggest party of the governor's four-year term, and it's a time that even those on the Democratic side say is a celebration free of the partisan rancor that is sure to follow as the more sober business of governing the commonwealth proceeds.

Andover will be well represented at the festivities, if a brief local survey is any indication, starting with the legislative delegation of Senator-elect Sue Tucker and state Rep. Barry Finegold. Also planning to be there are local GOP luminaries Charles "Bucky" and Sue Dalton, Selectman Lori Becker, Andover Chamber of Commerce President Steve Stapinski and Commissioner of Public Health Howard Koh.

"I've been to three or four, says Tucker, who served for eight years as a state representative from Andover, "and they are great fun. They're a chance to network with colleagues from across the aisle."

Most of all, though, she says, it is a time of celebration "for the people who have worked behind the scenes to get a candidate elected. It's really their celebration."

Finegold, who went to the 1996 presidential inaugural ball as well as previous gubernatorial ones, agrees. "It's a time (for both parties) to put down the placards and realize you've got to work together."

Bucky Dalton, longtime chairman of the Andover Republican Town Committee and district coordinator for the Cellucci campaign this past year, says he and his wife are going to do it up right this year, attending several of the inaugural functions and then staying overnight at the Back Bay Hilton.

"It'll be a huge event," he says, "but it's not meant to be a really exclusive thing. And the Hynes is an immense place, so I'm sure it will handle the crowd."

Becker, who has not attended an inaugural event in the past, says she is looking forward to meeting Cellucci "and also Jane (Swift, the new lieutenant governor)."

Stapinski, who attended inaugurals for Presidents Reagan and Bush, says all of them are great, except the presidential ones "are much bigger."

"There's a lot of networking that goes on," he says, "but it's primarily just a really festive thing."

And starting with the morning after, what kind of an administration will Massachusetts residents see? Will it be more of what Cellucci did as acting governor, or a new direction?

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And that is the key to the proposal now headed for Town Meeting that would make a portion of Shawsheen Village into an historic district.

There is little doubt that the area has historic significance, as housing for management of the woolen mill industry that was launched and thrived during the early part of this century.

So the issue now is to create a district that makes sense, and to make sure that the regulations that would govern it allow reasonable flexibility for property owners.

The district, as presently drawn, looks a bit like a congressional district that was gerrymandered to protect an incumbent. In this case, its boundaries have apparently been drawn in part to avoid the wrath of certain property owners who might take the whole thing to court.

One wonders if the historic significance of a street or property should depend on the legal muscle of the people who own that property.

But what should be of more significance to those hoping to create the district is *why* some people don't want to be included in it. It's not hard to figure out. They have heard horror stories from other communities about unreasonable restrictions. They fear that they will, in effect, no longer own their property, because every time they want to do something to the exterior of their homes, they'll have to kiss the ring of a "Hysterical Commission."

That may be an unfair stereotype, but stereotypes exist for a reason — because there is an element of reality behind the exaggeration.

In this case, the fear is magnified because they are told they can't know what the detailed regulations of the district will be until after it's approved.

That may technically and legally be true. But why can't a more specific draft of regulations be drawn up before Town Meeting? It wouldn't be cast in stone, nor would it be part of a legal document, but it would be a good-faith gesture on the part of those who insists that fears of unreasonable restrictions are unfounded.

It also might help to start reversing those unflattering stereotypes.

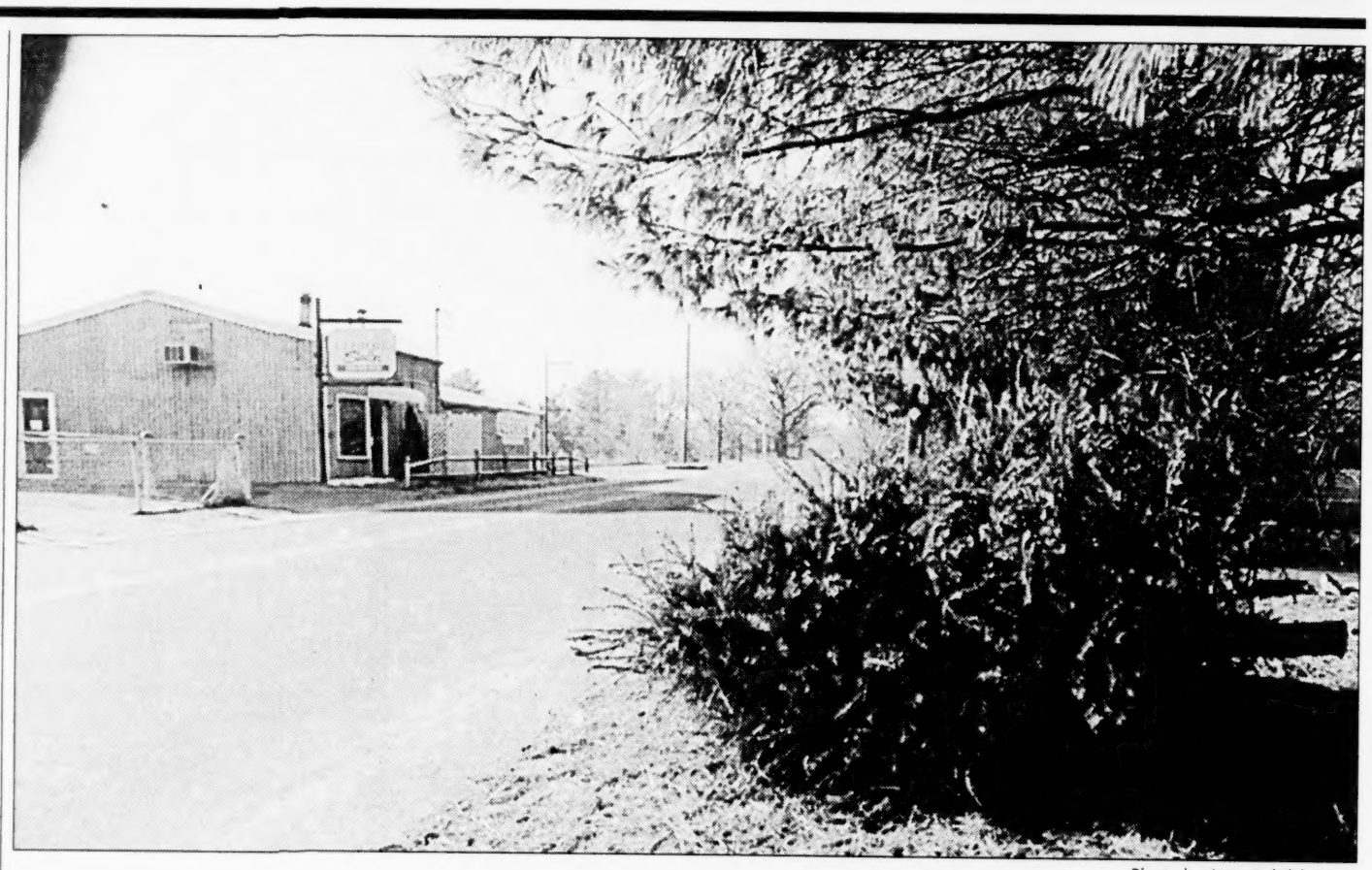
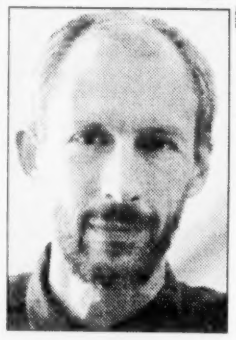


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Reality check — Yes, it was nice while it lasted, but the Christmas season is definitely over, as used trees migrate from the living room to the sidewalk. Andover officials say trees should be put out with the trash, since there will be no chipping of trees this year.

Through the '99 looking glass, very darkly



Taylor Armerding

Welcome to 1999, all you faithful readers of the *Townsman*. Your Correspondent knows that you search out these pages each week, not to hear what happened over the past few days but for what is going to happen in the next few. You like a forward-looking journal. You want a rag that is proactive, not reactive. You want vision, not a rehash. You want a bridge to the 21st Century.

So, Your Humble Scribe is going to give it to you. This Writer is exchanging his rose-colored glasses for his crystal ball. The events of 1999 are still cloudy, but they are starting to clear. So get ready for the news — all the news that's fit to make up — even before it happens.

January: The local schools decide that, for a public service project, all students will type the number 20 every night 100 times, and save it on a computer disk. That way, the people working on the Y2K problem won't need to type it themselves, to add onto the "00" that's going to show up at midnight on the turn of the millennium, make computers think it is 1900 again and create a societal and economic meltdown.

"We know it's only a small piece of a very large problem," says Schools Superintendent Claudia Bach, "but we think every little bit helps. And it's the kind of thing that our students in Andover will be able to do very well."

February: After just two more meetings on what to do about the traffic, pedestrian, lighting, trash barrel, bench, intersection, parking, retail, safety, neighborhood, ambience and economic problems of the downtown, the various interest groups agree on a solution. It's going to be called the Depression of Main Street Project — a tunnel running from just past Shawsheen Plaza to Bancroft Road.

"Sort of like the Central Artery. We'll just call this one the Little Dig," says a spokesman for the groups. "Now that the technology exists for this kind of project, we might as well use it. That's where all the state grant money is anyway. It'll mean we can have the widest sidewalks in America. And everybody knows that whole stretch is just one, long hill. So we've got all that unused space under ground. We might as well send the traffic there and leave the street ... uh ... sidewalk level for pedestrians."

March: Town officials agree that everybody running for office will be elected this year.

"It would be a shame not to use the talent and willingness of every candidate," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, "and we also view this as a way of putting our philosophy of inclusion into practice. What kind of a message does it send to our children, if some people are branded as having lost an election?

"Besides, think of the money we'll save, not having to count ballots."

April: Phillips Academy suddenly agrees to a 300-year lease of Will Hall for a new senior center, bringing the entire Board of Selectmen in support of the project.

There is no official word on the reason for the switch, but two rumors are making the rounds. One is that the Friends of the Senior Center had threatened to buy the school if it didn't ease up on the 30-year limit for a lease. "We've got money that's ready to be put on the table," a Friends member told cowering PA trustees.

The other is that a PA trustee mistakenly added a zero to the proposed 30-year lease, and was too embarrassed to admit the mistake.

May: The School Committee votes to eliminate the MCAS tests. The tests, the committee says, are based on the fallacious, outdated assumption that every child has the same

Letters

Library a help with computers

Editor, *Townsman*:

My home away from home is the reference room at Memorial Hall Library. Most of my friends know this is where I am most mornings. The attraction is the word processor. There are two of them, and they have changed my routine, let alone my life.

It all began Columbus Day, when I played around with the keys. This was the beginning of my literacy into computers. If it were not for the various librarians at the reference desk helping me with patience, I would have been discouraged. There is a sign stating help is available on a limit basis because they are too busy. I must tell you they do not pay attention to their own sign. With all their help, I know how to make margins, scroll up and down, boot up, use a floppy disk, change the font, move paragraphs around and many other functions.

My goal for the winter is to learn the Internet, but I am so wedded to the word processor and each day I learn something new. The librarians inform me that the Internet computer is a breeze when you know the word processor.

I know that children take to computers quickly and billions of adults have been on the Net. Personally, I am excited, and feel I am on the cusp of a new adventure. By next year, the year 2000, I will be ready with my technology skills. By then I may be able to buy a computer for $500. The down side of that is when I have a problem at home I will not be able to go to the reference desk and say "Help."

My hat is tipped to Memorial Hall Library and especially to the reference desk.

Judy Lee
156 Chestnut St.
North Andover

Why light the tennis courts on winter nights?

Editor, *Townsman*:

My name is Tyler Leeds, and I have lived in Andover for the last 20-plus years.

Recently I have noticed that when I drive by Rec Park over by Pomps Pond, that the lights on the tennis courts and the basketball courts are still on late at night in the middle of winter.

I feel that as taxpayers, this is a huge waste of our money, and most importantly electricity. Is there really any need to keep these area lights on at night in the winter, when obviously no one is playing tennis or basketball, because most likely there is snow on the courts, not to mention the fact that on the average the temperature outside is in the 20s or 30s for the highs during the day?

I am writing this in hopes that some of our wonderful politicians and officers that make the budgets for our town can please explain to me the logic in keeping the lights on in the winter in public areas that are obviously not being used during the winter season.

Now don't get me wrong. I greatly appreciate that we have these facilities in our town for our use and I would hate to see them taken away. I just don't see the point in wasting our electricity and our tax dollars to keep the lights on in public places that are not used in the winter.

I hope that someone in our town will be able to give me and the rest of our town a plausible reason for the blatant waste of electricity and money that could be used for something more beneficial to the towns people of Andover. I thank you all for taking the time to read this letter.

Tyler S. Leeds
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Party time ...

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Dalton says he thinks "you'll see Paul start to go his own way." The previous year, he says, Cellucci was still essentially upholding the Bill Weld administration.

"Now this is his time and space," Dalton says, noting that an indication of the style of the new administration may have come with the appointment of the new commissioner of public safety. "Instead of (state Senator) Jim Jajuga, he went outside to New York, and picked this incredibly qualified woman. I think Kevin Sullivan (for secretary of transportation) was also an excellent choice. He's very qualified."

Dalton adds that while Cellucci may seem a bit awkward at times at a podium, "he's a consummate politician, somebody you can talk to very easily."

Stapinski says he believes that with a good economy and high employment, "you're going to see more tax cutting than in the past. But at the same time, I think you'll also see a lot more aid to education and public safety. Those are things the governor is very committed to."

Tucker, while she says as a Democrat, she obviously would have preferred Scott Harshbarger for governor, says she thinks Cellucci has "surrounded himself with some very good people."

"I served with him in the House," she says, "and I'm looking forward to seeing him off to a good start.

The inaugural events start today with an interdenominational service at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill, followed by the formal swearing in and inaugural address from noon to 1 p.m. at the Statehouse. Following that, there will be a private reception for members of the new Legislature. The Inaugural Celebration then runs from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Hynes, with entertainment by a 22-piece orchestra and, later on, swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

A second inaugural ceremony will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the Drury High School, North Adams, followed by another Inaugural Celebration at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge from 6-9 p.m.

Looking glass ...

learning style. "Besides, what will it do to the self-image of a student, to be told that he or she 'needs improvement' in a subject?" asks a committee member. "Maybe he or she doesn't value that subject, and that kind of independent thinking needs to be validated."

The faculty also wants to do away with the tests, arguing that the scores reflect "the confining shackles of the elitist, biased, unnatural and limiting 'bell-shaped' distribution of student excellence."

June: The teen-agers of Andover are in a rage, picketing Town Offices and threatening to boycott the new skate park, after town workers start installing lights not only at the skate park, but the other Top Ten Teen Hangouts in town, including favored secluded areas at Rec Park and along the shores of Haggetts Pond.

"The people at Town Meeting didn't know what they were voting for," says a spokesteen for his peers. "They never would have approved this otherwise. They thought they were just voting for batteries for our flashlights, so we wouldn't light fires. If they don't stop this, we're going to start hanging out downtown."

July: The School Committee and the teachers union agree unanimously to change the high school schedule to something called the "modified mini-block," in which students will attend 22 15-minute periods each day.

"We know that kids' attention spans are decreasing," says School Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny, "and rather than fight it, we want to connect with it, relate to it, validate it, own it, work with it."

"Besides," adds union president Tom Meyers, "think of the variety that we'll be able to bring to the students each day."

Some critics complain that this is the third schedule change in three years. Other contend that teachers will barely be able to take attendance and hand out an assignment before the period ends.

Nadworny brushes it off. "We have to have the courage to change," he says. "Isn't that something our president said?"

August: Fresh from setting up a new schedule, the School Committee votes to hire the same architect and builder that did the high school renovation to build the new middle and grade schools.

"Sure, we might have the same problems," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "But this time we'll know exactly what to do about them. It's like having a template."

September: Local officials, after lengthy consultations with those in surrounding communities, finally come up with a solution to the cell tower problem — simply put them in place of street light poles.

"They can carry the lights easily enough," says a spokesman for the Tower Power Committee, "and now nobody will ever have a problem with their cell phones, at least locally."

Of course, some people are worried about how that will affect the ambience of the downtown. "We're working on it," says the spokesman.

October: The Board of Selectmen and School Committee decide to trade places.

"This way, we can appreciate the duties of the other body," says a combined statement from School Committee Chairman Nadworny and Selectmen co-chairmen Mary French, Ted Teichert, Thomas Collins, Larry Larsen, Lori Becker, Bill Downs, Brian Major and John Hess.

"Besides, we need to set an example of having the courage to change. Isn't that something our president said?"

November: The town declares a lottery to choose those who will be allowed to buy gas generators, to take them through the first couple of weeks of 2000, just in case the power grid goes down.

"We really can't do much else," says Town Manager Stapczynski. "The Board of Selectmen and I have been much too busy planning our 'round-the-world trip on the Concorde for First Night. By the way, we'd really like to thank the voters for putting up the $42,000 each for us to be able to do it. I know some of them thought they were just adding to the Free Cash fund, but hey, what's free cash for?"

December: The Andover Historical Society announces a campaign to undo all the Y2K compliance efforts that have been ongoing during the year.

"We sat down and talked about it, and thought, 'Why go ahead, when what happened before is so much more interesting. We can't think of anything better than having history repeat itself. So we'd much rather it be 1900 than 2000," says a spokesman.

"Besides, this was a great century. Why not live it over again? We can eliminate a lot of mistakes, like wars. Who knows, we might even be able to eliminate the '60s. Think of the problems that would solve."

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerding@andovertownsman.com

Warm early winter makes for a high bird count

The loon that rested on Haggetts Pond this fall left the pond when it froze, but still managed to be counted last year during the Merrimack Valley Bird Club's ninth annual Andover Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Dec. 19.

Approximately 30 birders combed Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and parts of Middleton, Boxford, Billerica, Wilmington, North Reading, and Reading to count and record the birds.

Andover's Al Retelle, president of the Merrimack Valley Bird Club for nearly 30 years, says as usual, things have changed.

The varying species of birds counted each year usually depends on the temperature, he says. This year, the unusually warm weather brought in many ducks that disappear when the ponds freeze over.

Lou Wagner of the Mass. Audubon Society agrees.

"The unusually warm weather that we experienced right through mid-December probably contributed to the high species count," says Wagner, Andover CBC compiler. "With little or no ice on the water and no snow to make finding food difficult, many birds that might otherwise have moved south remained in the count area and added to our tally. It was quite a change from last year when the count took place later in December after colder weather had set in."

In 1997, the Andover CBC was held Dec. 28, and only 11,239 birds of 54 species were found. When the day was done this past year, 15,774 birds of 68 species were recorded. The species total eclipsed the previous high of 60 observed in 1992. The number of individual birds seen, though not a count record, was about 40 percent more than last year.

The most unusual bird in this year's count — an orange crowned wobbler — was spotted in Billerica, Retelle says.

"I wish I had seen it," he says. The bird was spotted by a volunteer on the count, and because it is so unusual, a member of the Mass. Audubon Society was called in to confirm the sighting.

Other changes in the area bird count are more subtle. Retelle says birds like the Red-belly Woodpecker that were rare 30 years ago are becoming more common, as are mockingbirds and cardinals.

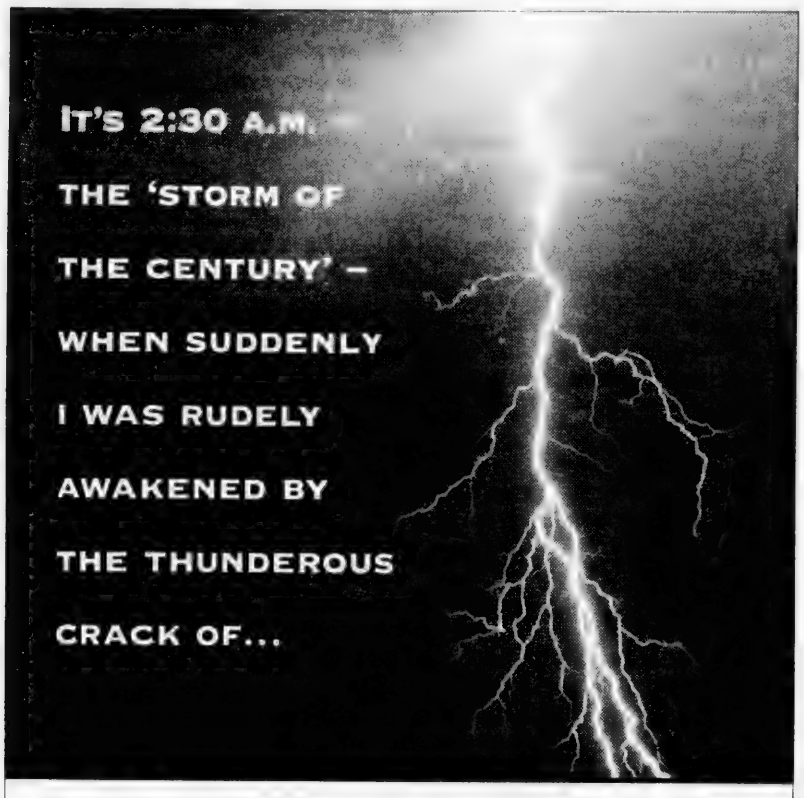
A more dramatic increase is the number of geese. While 10 or 12 geese would be a high count in the 1950s, recent geese population count has exceeded 500.

Eagles, which are sometimes spotted on the annual count, were absent this year.

"They don't really come down (south) until they run out of food up north, but you could probably find one along the river today," Retelle says.

Five species of waterfowl never before seen on an Andover CBC were identified, including two Northern Pintail, 29 Lesser Scaup, a Common Eider, a Bufflehead, and 14 Ruddy Duck. Several species of land birds typically not found this far north in mid-December were also spotted: a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, a Gray Catbird, a Yellow-rumped Warbler, and an Orange-crowned Warbler, a rare fall migrant to New England.

The Andover CBC is conducted in a 15-mile diameter circle centered near Pomps Pond. The count area encompasses approximately 175 square miles, including Andover, Lawrence, North Andover, North Reading, Tewksbury, and parts of Billerica, Boxford, Middleton, Methuen, Reading, and Wilmington.



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Education

Gender equity: not just for girls anymore

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Who are heroes and heroines in the minds of Andover second-graders? Balto the dog. Neil Armstrong. Ruby Bridges. Mom. Dad.

What makes a person heroic? They answer: helping people, strength, bravery.

A group of 12 second-graders at South School came to school early in the Tuesday morning chill. In a quiet classroom they sat in a circle with parents Kim Mazur and Stephanie Maze-Hsu and talked about heroes, heroines and heroism.

When the group was asked after the story what made the protagonist a "hero," one student answered "he had a great heart inside him."

The extra-curricular class, "Beyond the Basics: Heroes and Heroines" is part of Andover's Gender Initiative program to address gender bias in the schools.

Efforts to make classroom activities more fair for girls has led Andover to also consider what is fair for boys, and what type of gender bias is at work in Andover schools.

The class at South School is designed to get students talking about heroic qualities in people independently of gender, teachers say.

"You don't have to be a famous person to be a hero," says Maze-Hsu, and in Andover, at least, you don't have to be a boy or a girl.

The Gender Initiative program in Andover schools was founded in 1995 to address issues of gender bias against girls in the classroom. But as more information has developed about gender bias against boys, the program has evolved into a plan to address "whole child development."

The Gender Initiative Steering Committee oversees parent "gender representatives" from each school.

This month, gender representative Marcy Tannenbaum-Fox heads a study in emerging gender issues affecting boys. Father-son activities are now scheduled along with mother-daughter activities. A forum, by Dr. Michael Thompson of Cambridge called "Raising Cain," on the emotional life of boys, is scheduled for April 8 this year.

"This is not a female-only program," says townwide coordinator Marinel McGrath, assistant superintendent of schools.

Tannenbaum-Fox says that rather than starting a program for boys based just on what the steering committee has read in studies and articles, the group plans to survey parents and teachers in establishing the most critical gender bias issues facing boys.

"I think Andover, unlike some communities, is willing to confront real issues. Some people will just say 'we don't have a problem,'" says Tannenbaum-Fox.

In speaking with parents and teacher, she finds that many people have ideas about what the problems are, but few have solutions.

"We'd like to be part of the solution engine, but it's better to confirm what the problem is. From there, we'll have a platform to create programs," she says.

One recent study of high school students and their class choices in math and science revealed less gender bias than teachers doing the research expected, McGrath says.

"Which is good, but not what we had hypothesized," she says.

Responses from last year show that girls' interest in careers in math and science would peak in 9th and 12th grade, but drop off in 10th and 11th grade, where boys interest in such careers increased steadily over their high school years, McGrath says.

The results of the survey, asking boys and girls why they chose certain classes at certain levels in math and sciences, will be more conclusive next year when a second year of data can be com-

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Kim Mazur reads to South School students before school Tuesday during the first meeting of "Beyond the Basics: Heroes and Heroines." The class is part of a program for boys and girls system wide in Andover to address gender bias.

Budget for FY 2000 up nearly 10 percent

Increase in staff, transportation and special education make school budget rise

At the start of budget review season, and in preparation for Annual Town Meeting, School Superintendent Dr. Claudia L. Bach presented a preliminary Fiscal Year 2000 schools budget to School Committee members Tuesday.

The preliminary figure is $36.7 million, a 9.3-percent increase over this year. The current school budget is $33.5 million, Bach reported in her budget's executive summary.

The preliminary budget is 2.6 percent more than the predicted FY 2000 budget, Bach says. She attributes the 2.6-percent difference to eight items totaling $999,427, and including:

- Student transportation ($169,544);
- Business Office financial management software and training ($30,400);
- Staff development required by the state ($45,677);
- Updated textbooks for elementary, middle and high school social studies, middle school language arts and high school math ($186,308);
- Out-of-district tuition and evaluative services for special education ($188,251);
- Preparation for Andover High School's 10-year reaccreditation ($15,000);
- Additional staff for special education ($304,674); and
- Increase in school nurse budget under a renegotiated contract ($59,573).

New programs planned to be included in the FY 2000 budget include the hiring of nine permanent substitute teachers. Funds for hiring substitutes would be taken from the existing budget for substitutes, Bach says.

Increases are also the result of new programs in elementary teacher planning time ($166,600); new textbook adoption for social studies, language arts, geometry, earth science and Latin I ($309,000); a full-time year-round secretary at each elementary school ($10,465); and the cost of having high school science teachers adjust to teach revised grade 9 science curriculum ($103,600).

The School Committee is scheduled to hold budget workshops Jan. 12, Jan. 26, and Feb. 9.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Super sets forum on space needs

Superintendent Dr. Claudia L. Bach and School Committee members are hosting an open forum Thursday, Jan. 14, to discuss solutions to the immediate lack of classroom space in Andover Schools.

Bach says she hopes parents will attend to air their concerns about school space needs, and present their ideas for solutions.

"We want to put all the ideas on the table," Bach says. School principals asked about the space crunch say their priority is maintaining class sizes, says Bach.

The meeting will be held in the School Committee Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Schools may have a race

A former Bellingham superintendent of schools has taken out nomination papers for School Committee.

Robert Coffill, 42, of Quail Run Road, has not yet returned the papers, or officially become a candidate.

"If I do run for School Committee, I don't know if I'd get in, since I wouldn't spend a single nickel on the campaign. That would be hypocritical," Coffill says.

Coffill is calling for school leaders to champion the causes of children, and for "someone to represent the taxpayer dollar," he says.

"There is some wild spending going on, and no one's keeping an eye on the gate," Coffill says.

He says he is concerned about the estimated cost of building two new schools at Cross Street. "I don't care where the school is built, but what is the infrastructure going to cost? A 450-pupil middle school could be difficult to pull off. Staffing costs would be out of sight, out of mind," he says.

Coffill would not name the community where he served as an administrator or superintendent, but Superintendent Joseph DiPietro of the Bellingham School District in southeastern Massachusetts confirmed that Coffill served as superintendent for more than a year until 1997.

DiPietro would not comment on the circumstances of Coffill's leaving his post. Coffill now works as an educational consultant, he says.

Coffill says his experience as a superintendent of schools is "irrelevant" to his potential campaign for school committee.

Whether he runs or not, Coffill says he plans to attend some meetings and ask some "point blank" questions of committee members and administrators.

"I think (Superintendent Dr.) Claudia (Bach) is a great choice, but I want to see accountability held for everybody," Coffill says.

Coffill has lived in Andover for 11 years, he says.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

Eyes on equality

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pared, McGrath says.

Meanwhile, almost every Andover school has a program to address some type of gender bias:

• South School holds mother-daughter book groups and a parent book group, in addition to their class on heroism.

• Bancroft Elementary School is planning a spring science workshop for students to bring parents to school and show them how they learn about science.

• At West Elementary School next month, students will celebrate women in sports, and the following month, celebrate women in history with "Her story" month.

• Doherty Middle School has sent teachers annually for the past three years to grant-funded summer workshops at Smith College. The workshop provides the teachers a project in gender issues to work on each year, McGrath says.

One project resulted in the formation of the "AWE-Some" summer program, a week-long summer course for girls age 11-13 scheduled to start this summer. The course focuses on women's place in science and technology. Activities include guest speakers, hands on activities and field trips, McGrath says.

• West Middle School is starting a program this month to combat eating disorders in middle school girls.

The program, called "Full of Ourselves," was designed at the Harvard University Eating Disorders Center, and is produced jointly by Andover Youth Services, school health education staff and West Middle School staff, McGrath says.

This year Andover High School has started a big sister program, with high school girls and female students from Andover middle schools.

While most of the programs are aimed at female gender bias, the goal of the program is to encourage children to "be who they are," according to a publication of the group.

Tannenbaum-Fox says the representatives and members of the steering committee try to focus on not letting gender bias effect children.

"It's really about keeping our children as they are, and not holding them back," she says.

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Eric Bakkensen '01, son of Ralph and Cathy Bakkensen

Andrew Baldwin '01, son of Dr. John and Christine Baldwin

Keziban Barry '02, daughter of Donald and Roxanne Barry

Luke Basta '02, son of Sal and Jill Basta

Roxanne Beinart '02, daughter of Daniel and Phyllis Beinart

Joshua Bloom '99, son of Dr. Steven and Janet Bloom

Gregory Booth '02, son of Steven and Frances Booth

Matthew Broude '00, son of Paul and Susan Broude

Andrea Campbell '99, daughter of Michael and Mary Campbell

Emily Carter '00, daughter of Stephen and Adela Carter

Shuva Chakraborty '02, son of Bireswar and Sutapa Chakraborty

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Tyler Cowan '99, son of Douglas and Posie Cowan

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Wednesday: Rib barbeque sub with fries, nuggets and puffs, cheese pizza, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Two tacos with rice, chicken McSchool, grilled cheese, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, soup and soft pretzel, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, nuggets and puffs, soup and sandwich, PBJ soft sticks with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk

Middle schools

Monday: Meatball sub with fries and pretzels, nuggets, puffs and bag of pretzels, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Sausage egg McMuffin with fries, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, chicken McSchool with fries, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Rib barbeque sub with fries, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, nuggets, puffs and bag of pretzels, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Two tacos with rice, bakery pizza with soft pretzel, chicken McSchool with fries, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Two pizza sticks with soft pretzel, nuggets, puffs, and bag of pretzels, soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

AHS PAC to meet Monday

The Andover High School PAC will meet Monday, Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. The group will discuss the school's wish list. All parents are invited to attend.

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Parent to Parent meeting discusses sexuality

The Parent to Parent speaker series will present "Talking With Your Kids About Sexuality: Pre-K to Grade 3," Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at West Middle School Auditorium (snow date Thursday, Jan. 14). Carol Plotkin, LICSW, a parent, lecturer, and specialist in the field of sexual development, will address the importance of giving children the information they need to make responsible decisions for themselves as they mature and grow. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Plotkin will provide a framework for parents regarding sexual development. Discussions about sexuality offer parents the opportunity to enhance children's self-esteem, communicate values, and promote a positive parent-child relationship. She will address these same issues as they apply to the older child in grades 4 to 6 on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at West Middle School Auditorium (snow date Thursday, Jan. 28).

Bring your questions. Both you and your child will benefit, organizers said.

Andover teens can perform live at library event

Middle School teens won't want to miss out on the Sing Alone, Sing Along program at Memorial Hall Library on Friday, Jan. 8, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. This event is an opportunity for teens to perform live or lip sync music, read poetry, or perform a favorite scene from a play or movie. This is not a competition.

Audience members and performers will be eligible for free door prizes, such as gift certificates to Newbury Comics, movie passes and more. Refreshments will also be served.

Entry forms are available at the library, and at Doherty Middle, West Middle, and St. Augustine schools. This free evening is co-sponsored by the Doherty Parent Advisory Council and Young Adult Department of Memorial Hall Library.

For more information, call Beth Kerrigan at the library at 623-8401, Ext. 36.

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News

Champy tax debt paid after a delinquent decade

By Neil Fater

After a decade of debt, the so-called Champy property is no longer tax delinquent.

FPF Corp., the owners of the large property once owned by Rose Champy, have finally paid the back taxes owed to Andover, with interest. In fact, the amount of interest Andover collected nearly equaled the taxes owed.

"We're dancing in the streets," jokes town Treasurer David Reilly, whose office received a $350,000 check Christmas Eve. The check came after Land Court ruled that Andover would own the property if the taxes were not paid, says Reilly.

"They (FPF Corp.) are paid right up until Jan. 1. So they are now a happy, current taxpayer. Well, I don't know how happy they are, but they're a current taxpayer," says Reilly. "It's been a long process and I'm happy it's over."

The tax payment helps, but does not completely clear the way for a 26-lot residential development to be built on the Champy land. If the plan does go through, 58 of the 69 acres in the area will be given to the Merrimack Valley Watershed Council as conservation land, says Town Planner Steve Colyer.

"With the payment of $350,000, I can now record this plan at the Registry of Deeds," says Colyer. "That plan was approved back in August of '98, and we've been waiting ever since for the taxes to be paid so we could record the plan."

Because an abutter has appealed an Andover Conservation Commission decision on the property, the plan is currently being examined by the Department of Environmental Protection.

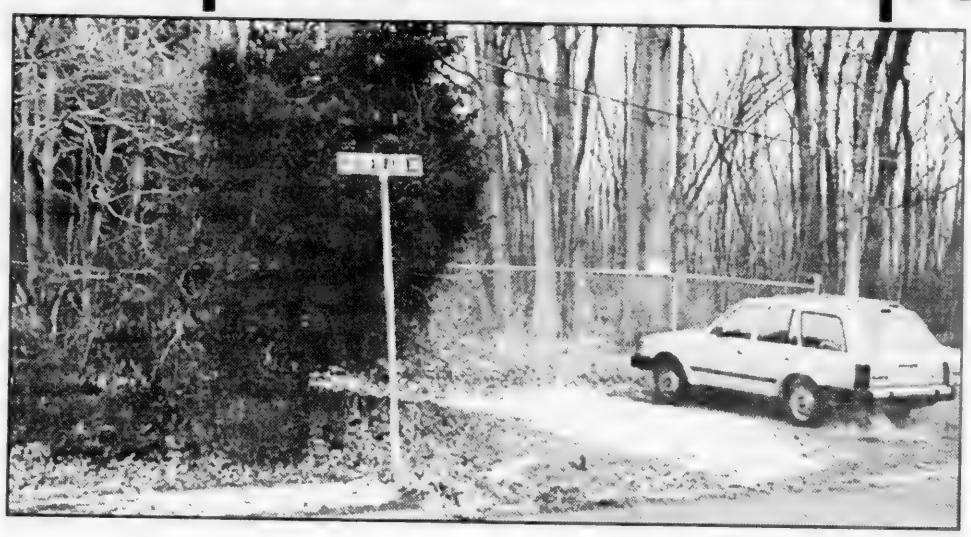


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Paid off — The Champy property is finally off the town's delinquent property tax roles.

Looking back

The history of the Champy property is complex. The property is near Den Rock Park on the North Andover and Lawrence lines.

Years ago, the Champy family agreed to give someone an option on the property to develop it. On paper, the Champys made a substantial sum on the deal, but when the would-be developer failed to produce, the Champys got nothing except IRS payments they could not handle, says Colyer. The IRS put a lien on their property, he says.

As town treasurer, Reilly also saw interest accumulate for a decade on the amount owned to Andover, even after the town put a lien on the property in September 1990. The town put a lien on the property because the owner did not pay its fiscal year 1988 to 1990 taxes, says Reilly.

By the end of 1998, there was $242,792.41 owed in taxes, and $236,733.95 in interest. The town charged 14 percent interest until it placed the 1990 lien on the property, and 16 percent interest once the lien was established.

The elderly Rose Champy could not afford the cost of the back taxes and wanted only to sell the land, says Reilly.

"I spoke many times with the Champys. They simply didn't have the money to pay. They were hoping it would be rezoned and they could sell it and pay off the property," says Reilly.

Although a group called the Andover Residents for Conservation pushed for Andover to take or buy the property and turn it into conservation land, town officials opposed that idea. An appeal by the Champys at a 1995 Town Meeting to change the zoning of 54 acres also failed. But the land was finally rezoned for residential development at 1996 Town Meeting, with an agreement about turning some of the land near Den Rock into conservation land. In the fall of 1997, the property was sold to FPF Corp.

Things appeared to be under control in December 1997, when FPF agreed to a plan to pay the back taxes. FPF gave the town $100,000 then, and agreed to pay $10,000 per month, says Reilly.

"In February March and April there was $10,000 per month. That's all we got," he says.

Finally, just before Christmas last month, a land court ruled that if FPF did not pay off the back taxes then the property would revert to the town, says Reilly.

He says that on Dec. 24 the town received a check for $350,000.

Reilly says he does not know if any other money is owed on the property.

Based on earlier reports, a year or so ago another $600,000 was owed to the Internal Revenue Service and $130,000 to Arbor Associates, a real estate agency.

Colyer says that rumors about waste on the site have been disproven by studies.

"That was all cleared up. There was a study done back in the '80s that showed it to be fairly clean, and another study done (later)," he says.

Assuming the residential development is allowed, Colyer says FPF Corp. may sell the land and let another corporation do the building.

"I've gotten calls from developers that have indicated they have an option on it. It may be that FPF doesn't build this," he says.

Fiscal options ...

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projects, Andover will only be able to fund operating budget increases of around 5 percent in each of the next five years, her study shows.

Marden has made several assumptions in her preliminary study, she says and she emphasizes that "I am not presenting any conclusions or recommendations.

"This is not to recommend one particular scenario, but just to look at the options," she says. "You have to make a lot of assumptions, but by keeping assumptions the same, it lets you compare the alternatives."

It appears the most expensive option for taxpayers would be to have debt-exemption overrides for both the school and safety center projects, and to use all of Andover's excess tax capacity.

The debt exclusions would leave more money available for operating budgets, but would also create a 21.1-percent increase in residents' tax bills from fiscal year 1999 to FY 2004. Under this option, Marden estimates someone owning a $300,000 home and paying a $4,551 tax bill in fiscal year 1999 would pay about $5,509 in 2004.

By contrast, using no debt exclusions or other new revenues, a homeowner would see only a 14.9-percent increase between FY99 and FY04. But this option would limit operating budgets to annual increases of 4.4 to 5.7 percent, since more of the operating budget money would be used to pay debt service.

The tax bill for a $300,000 home would go from the same $4,551 in FY99 to $5,231 in FY04, under this option, her study shows.

"This isn't meant to say in any way that this is what the tax bill will be," says Marden. "This is not going to work out exactly that way. There are so many assumptions to this."

But her list should give people an idea of the relative cost of each funding option, she says.

The list also shows:

- using the excess tax capacity but not having any debt exclusion overrides would cause a 16.3-percent increase in taxes during the next five years, and a 4.2-percent increase between FY99 and FY00;
- using the excess tax capacity and having a debt exclusion override on the schools would lead to a 19-percent increase in taxes over the five year period with a 4.3-percent increase from FY99 to FY00; and
- keeping the tax capacity as is and having overrides for both the schools and the safety center would lead to a 19.7-percent increase during the next five years, with a one-year increase of 3.1 percent.

If one spends more, others must spend less

If school officials want to build two new schools, then they'll need to rein in their yearly growth in operating budget expenses. That seems to be the message being sent from a preliminary study done by Finance Committee member Joanne Marden.

"I think there's a concept that's really important to understand," says Marden. "Budgets should not increase faster than revenues."

To prove this point, Marden went out of her way to create an imaginary town with an $80 million budget. Andover itself has a budget of about $80 million.

In Marden's imaginary town, there are five departments, each of which is projected to have a 5-percent increase in revenues. As it happens, Andover's town manager projected 4- to 5-percent increases for town departments during the past five years.

When one or two large departments in Marden's town seek 7 percent increases, it forces the smaller departments to have no increase in spending. Similarly, in recent years, the Andover school department had sought and received increases of more than 5 percent — more than those approved for other town departments.

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History ...

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86 individual respondents favored the district.

Flynn says he may consider a request to remove Enmore Street from the plan, but only if he is sure the residents who oppose the plan are not misinformed.

"I'm not convinced they had the right information when they signed (the petition)," Flynn says, citing low turnout at the study committee's meetings on the project. They are scheduled to meet at the Shawsheen School on the first and third Wednesdays of each month before Town Meeting, including last night (Wednesday, Jan. 6) after *Townsman* press time.

Enmore Street resident Carey Poe, who had attended meetings, says he is just starting to get educated about the subject, and hasn't yet decided if he would support the project.

He has doubts about the proposal because the specific regulations would not be determined until after a Town Meeting vote to establish the district.

Flynn has said that to write regulations before establishing the district would be like writing an employee handbook before starting a company. Poe disagrees with the analogy.

"I've already got the job. It's like my employer wants to make up new guidelines after I'm already working," Poe says.

"I moved to this neighborhood for the way it looked. When I came to Boston, (from the Midwest and west coast) I knew this (area) is where I wanted to live for the rest of my life," Poe says.

If most Enmore Street residents do in fact oppose the district, Flynn says he would remove it, since it wouldn't be detrimental to the district as a whole. Enmore Street, off Haverhill Street just north of the Main Street intersection, is not central to the district, and could be removed without disturbing other boundaries, he says.

Guillet also questions Flynn's designation of boundaries in other areas of the proposal, however. He charges that Flynn did not include the Arden Estate or the Wood Estate for fear of being sued, rather than lack of historical significance.

Flynn confirms reports that Cornelius Wood threatened to sue the town if his property were included in an historic district, but adds that he feels the lack of historical context justified leaving the property out.

Last year Wood told Flynn that he did not want his estate included in the historic district plan, and "if forced to litigate, that he would," Flynn says, "but his arguments to be excluded were compelling enough."

According to a woman who answered a call from the *Townsman* at the Wood residence, Wood was indisposed, and could not be reached for comment.

The Wood Estate was built in 1916 by William Wood, who founded the woolen mill industry that spurred the formation of Shawsheen Village — built between 1919 and 1924, according to the study committee's report. Wood Estate, Flynn says, predates Shawsheen Village, and is not adjacent to the area of historic homes.

Karen Herman, head of the Andover Preservation Commission, says she supports the historic district in Shawsheen for various reasons, including the threat of new development.

"Shawsheen has always been at risk because of the proximity of highways and industry, and the housing there is not as expensive, so it's ripe for developers to buy and take down houses and replace them with larger ones," Herman says.

This potential also existed in Ballardvale before the local historic district was approved, Herman says.

Flynn presented his proposal to the Board of Selectmen Monday night. Selectman John Hess says an historic district proposed more than 10 years ago for the Central Street area was defeated at Town Meeting.

"I think it's good to support the preservation of historic sites, but it has to be done with respect for individual property owners' rights. I don't know where the balance is there, but that's for Town Meeting to decide," Hess says.

As for the practice of creating regulations after establishing the district, Hess says residents should take opportunities to get involved, and have some faith. "You have to trust your neighbors who serve on the (historical) commission to make good decisions," he says.

The Shawsheen Historic District Study Committee will draft a bylaw to be voted on at Annual Town Meeting. The law would need a two-thirds majority vote to pass, at which point a board would be appointed by the town manager and approved by selectmen to establish the regulations and oversee the historic district.

The same set of regulations would apply to businesses and residences, Flynn says.

Guillet says he would rather have Enmore Street removed from the prosed historic district before the bylaw is voted, so residents in opposition don't have to make a stink at Town Meeting.

Flynn agrees such a display is best avoided.

"I'm glad I'm hearing all this now. This tells me the process is working. I'd rather find out now than on the floor at Town Meeting," Flynn says.

Copies of the study committee's preliminary report are available for review at Memorial Hall Library, Flynn says.

The study includes an outline of the proposed bylaw. The proposal includes nine specific things that would be exempt from historic commission review, including paint color, interiors, landscaping, and ordinary maintenance and repair.

Nora Jean loves to laugh...



Kathy Iminski, *Teacher, Bradstreet School* Nora Jean Twomey

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Marden's point — and its veiled reference to recent school department spending — was not lost on the selectmen at Monday's meeting.

"Are you going to present this to the school department as well?" asked Selectman Brian Major.

"Possibly, but then you'd need a 9-percent increase," responded Marden, with a smile.

Marden says Andover could fund the increased school operating budgets during the past few years because its debt service had been dropping off.

"It works for a couple of years," says Marden, but can't go on forever. "Either we have to get additional revenue — and that's a debt exclusion — or someone has to deal with (smaller) increases.

"We know there will continue to be capital needs," she says. "As operating budgets grow, capital needs grow, too."

—Neil Fater

It's a race ...

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been selectmen for less than three years, and the fourth, Larry Larsen, has said he will not run again.

But Collins, 49, believes his educational and professional experience make him a strong candidate.

Specifically, Collins believes his law and engineering background will help the town as it improves the downtown area with a state grant, and upgrades town facilities such as the senior center and safety center.

Born in Lawrence, Collins has both a bachelor's and master's degree in engineering, the latter from MIT. He received his law degree from Suffolk Law in 1986, and has been practicing on his own since that time. His principal office has been on Andover's Main Street since 1995.

"I feel I have a background I feel will be helpful to the town in the next few years," says Collins.

Collins, who took out papers before New Year's, moved to Standish Circle with his wife Laura in 1977.

A member of American Legion Post 8 in Andover and other civic organizations, Collins says he's received the support of Chapter 18 of Disabled American Veterans, of Andover.







Downs, Collins and French — Now it's a three-way race for selectman.

Although he has not yet decided if he supports the Will Hall site for a senior center yet, Collins says, "I would like to see a resolution of the senior center issue. I think this is a commitment the town made to the seniors."

Downs also wants a new center for Andover, but is against the Will Hall site because he does not want the town to enter the proposed lease agreement with Phillips Academy.

Although this year's April Town Meeting will decide if Andover builds a new senior center and safety center, Downs, a former Andover fire chief, says he is not running again because of specific issues. French has said the same. ("She hopes for French connection to board of selectmen," *Townsman*, Dec. 10.)

"I just want to stay because I want the town run properly, and I want to have some input on what's happening in town," says Downs. "I don't have any special axes to grind."

Downs was a Andover firefighter for 31 years, and the chief for his last 10. Until November, he had been on the Andover Retirement Board for 18 years. He has also been Andover's representative to the Essex County Advisory Board for the last 11 years and a member of the executive committee of that board for seven.

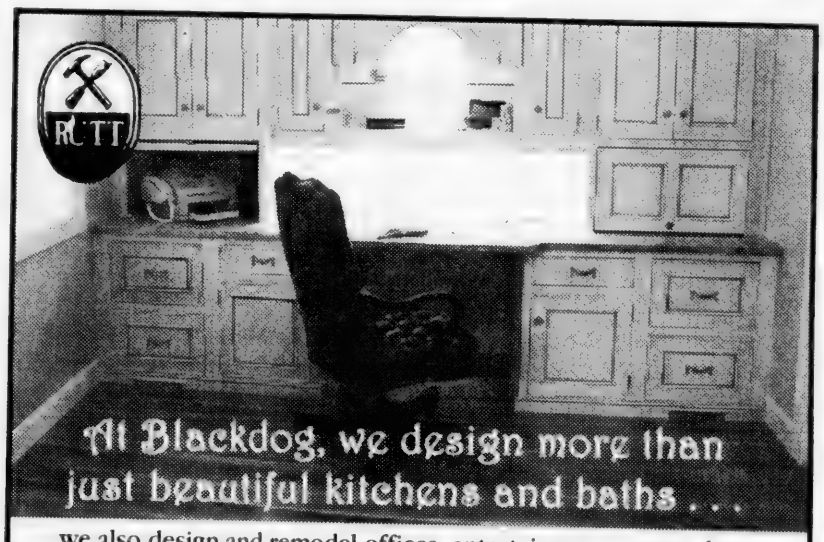
Downs says his experience and knowledge of town government, and unwillingness to give in to "special interests" are reasons to vote for him.

Knowing he would run again, Downs had compiled a list of his positive attributes before Monday.

"I do my homework," wrote Downs, in part. "I vote my opinion based on research. (I) vote for the best interest of the town, the taxpayer and the common good."

Others who have taken out papers for the 1999 March election include Robert G. Coffill, of Quail Run, for School Committee (see story, page 12) incumbent James Cuticchia for Housing Authority; and incumbent Jim Doherty for moderator.

Ted Teichert, who is considering a run for selectman, said this week he has not yet made up his mind about whether to run.



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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 2:35 p.m., after a report of an accident, Linda S. Stulgis, 51, of 1 Wethersfield Drive, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to keep right with view obstructed, and with following too closely.

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 11:08 a.m., Erasmo Gonzalez, 30, of 65 Shawsheen Road, Lawrence, was arrested on Union Street and charged on a traffic warrant.

At 10:02 p.m., Sara E. Barry, 18, of 10 Gemini Circle, Andover, was arrested at her home and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol, and with keeping a disorderly house. A 16-year-old Andover male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Friday, Jan. 1 – At 12:41 a.m., Wendy A. Stewart, 26, of 27 Fifth Ave., Haverhill, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay in marked lanes.

At 10:14 a.m., Anthony D. Cantone, 20, of 85 McArthur Road, Stoneham, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with assault and battery, and on warrants.

At 11:04 a.m., Felipe Rodriguez, 42, of 12 Hancock St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a North Andover warrant for failure to pay fines, failure to stop for police, operating to endanger and speeding.

Around 12:45 p.m., a 15-year-old Lawrence male was arrested after an off-duty officer saw a Cadillac taken from a North Main Street parking lot. Lawrence police recovered the vehicle on Water Street and reported the alleged thief also had a Lexus key in his pocket.

At 2:37 p.m., Marie E. Dallemand, 34, of 138 Walnut St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on warrants, including one for assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 3:16 p.m., Janet E. Ardito, 25, 96 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested on a Westfield warrant for driving without a license.

Saturday, Jan. 2 – At 11:01 a.m., Barry Douglas Coorey, 34, of 11 Merrill Drive, Atkinson, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants.

At 11:03 a.m., Noe A. Jacome, 31, of 166 Tenney St., Methuen, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with driving without a license.

At 12:48 p.m., Eric J. Trainor, 17, of 116A Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with larceny of a vehicle or trailer, and driving without a license.

At 3:19 p.m., Rafael R. Taveras, 26, of 34 Tremont St., Lawrence, was arrested on Union Street and charged on a motor vehicle warrant.

At 4:23 p.m., Michael J. DiFrancesco, 32, of 78 Chippy Lane, Methuen, was arrested at the station on a warrant for failure to pay a $135 fine.

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 8:46 a.m., Robert F. Landrum, 35, of 70 Essex St., Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, Jan. 5 – At 1 p.m., Keith M. Haggar, 27, of 15 Pattee Road, Salem, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a revoked license.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 11:36 a.m., a cleaning person reported finding some drugs and "other items" in one of the rooms at the Tage Inn.

Friday, Jan. 1 – At 4:21 a.m., a Lowell Street caller reported a car had pulled into her driveway and a man inside it had been sitting there for 10 minutes drinking coffee. An officer reported the car was from a cab company that had the wrong time for a pick-up. He was scheduled to arrive in the afternoon.

Saturday, Jan. 2 – At 8:11 p.m., a man reported that a Ford pick-up truck went by him on Stevens Street with a door open and a female yelling for help. It was headed toward Route 28. Police were unable to find the vehicle.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – At 11:04 a.m., a resident requested an officer for a 19-year-old son who was verbally abusive and refusing to leave.

At 8:49 p.m., an officer requested a back-up unit to help a female leave the Park St. Pub "without being hassled by another subject."

Tuesday, Jan. 5 – At 9:48 a.m., a woman reported her son was attacked at the Greater Lawrence Technical School that morning.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 10:42 a.m., an Indian Ridge Country Club employee reported that someone had broken into a maintenance building two weeks ago and taken some items from it.

At 5:44 p.m., a Marie Drive man reported an attempted break. A door was found ajar but nothing was missing.

THEFTS

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 2:20 p.m., an officer was to file on the Dec. 30 theft of a wallet from Marshall's in the Shawsheen Plaza.

Friday, Jan. 1 – At 8:30 a.m., an officer was to file on a cellular phone theft on Whittier Street.

Saturday, Jan. 2 – At 11:21 p.m., a North Main Street gas station employee reported a driver pumped $4 worth of gas and did not pay for it.

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 1:31 p.m., an officer was to file on the theft of a wallet from Vicor Corp.

At 3:11 p.m., Main Street Salon reported receiving a bad check.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 11:07 a.m., a woman on Corbett Street reported finding a stripped car in the woods near Temple Emanuel's cemetery. It had been stolen out of Andover Dec. 28. At 11:38 a.m., a four-wheeling all-terrain vehicle stolen from Pelham, N.H., was also found at the site.

At 9:13 p.m., an officer was to file a report on a Bartlet Street vehicle theft.

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 9:23 a.m., an officer reported footprints on the hood of a vehicle on Campanelli Drive and that "it appears that someone kicked in the windshield."

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 4:51 p.m., a man reported his 1994 Acura stolen from Federal Street. It was recovered at 11:15 p.m. in Lawrence.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 30 – At 5:59 a.m., state police requested Andover police help them shut down Interstate 93 at Dascomb Road because of a car accident on the interstate in Wilmington. I-93 was reopened around 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31 – At 12:44 p.m., a caller reported an accident with injury on North Main Street. An ambulance transported one person to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 5:54 p.m., an ambulance was detailed to a reported accident with injury on North Main Street. But a minute later, a sergeant reported there was no damage and no report needed.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – At 11:47 a.m., after an earlier accident without injury, an officer reported an accident with injury at the same spot on Woburn Street.

Monday, Jan. 4 – At 7:02 a.m., a woman reported her car was hit in a Main Street parking lot.

At 8:45 p.m., there was a report of a hit-and-run in front of the auditorium at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street.

VANDALISM

There were six incidents of vandalism reported this week, including a Dec. 30 incident where a woman reported "someone (had) poured blood over her mailbox."

In another Dec. 30 incident, a Corbett Street caller reported that "some Christmas-style trees were cut and removed from Temple Emanuel cemetery."

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Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts



Neil Fater

Hey, you! How's it goin'?

It's the new year, and time to take stock.

Not only is this paper the first issue of 1999, but it marks the sixth-month anniversary of the new Arts and Entertainment section. Pages 22 and 23 plan on vacationing together in Hawaii.

But before they go, I'd like to hear from you, the reader, about what you think of the section. Do you like it? What do you think of the stories and columns?

(What events should we cover? What's missing? What do you wish was missing?)

This week's comic, on the next page, is the 26th *Entering Andover*. The comic follows a family of four that has just moved to Andover. Do you love it? Hate it? Read it?

(Who's your favorite character? What would you like to see happen? Why do you think "Q," the boy, has never changed his shirt?)

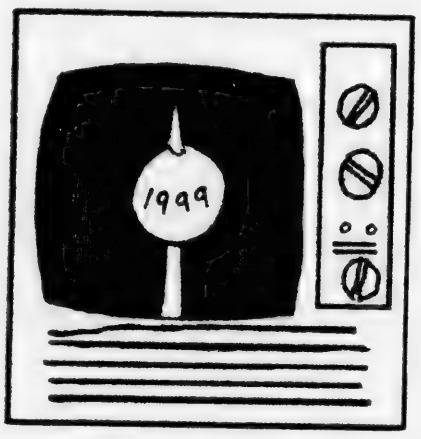
What about the *Townsman* Teaser? Are they too hard? Too easy? Too useless?

(Do you even know what the Teaser is? No? What, are you, blind? The answer to last week's is right below this column!)

Please let me know your thoughts. I'm here to entertain, not just insult, and with your help, I just might do that. Stranger things have happened. Look at the success of the Spice Girls. On second thought, they pretty much just insult your intelligence, don't they? Oh, well. You get the idea.

You can send e-mail to Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com, write to him at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, or call 475-1943.

TOWNSMAN TEASER



Q: Many who make New Year's resolutions do this, some in Times Square.

A: Drop the ball.

About the teaser: Except for this generic New Year's teaser, all answers are Andover-related and contain a pun. There will be a new, Andover-related teaser next week.

Groupies tumble for this culture club

By Neil Fater

If you pledged 1999 was the year you'd turn the page by reading something besides beach fare and the Sunday paper, then a book club may be for you.

Celebrating its 48th year during 1999, the Andover Great Books Group is one of several such clubs in town. The Andover chapter of the national organization was founded in 1951 by Bob Rockwell, of North Andover, who still regularly attends the meetings.

"Once people get into it, they stay," says Jean McGreehan, who frequently serves as the group's discussion leader.

The group's goal is to "encourage adults from all walks of life to share their insight into outstanding works of literature, religion, philosophy and social science."

And that has proved to be the right fit for Andover's Ken Barnhill, a civil engineer, who joined the group about eight years ago to satisfy his need to read. He's been a Great Books Groupie ever since.

"As a technically trained person, I felt I could use a little bit more of the arts. I considered this a post-graduate course," says Barnhill, of Wolcott Avenue.

"Most of the members of the group are former teachers or editors or librarians who are much more able than I am in the field. But they sometimes let me have the last five minutes to add something that will please them all," he laughs. "It's a fun group."

The Andover group is one of hundreds of "fun" Great Books groups around the country. But McGreehan says the members come from all walks of life.

"I think the only thing the people have in common is a love of reading," says McGreehan.

Members certainly have the chance to do plenty of that. The Andover group meets in Memorial Hall Library, on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Most months, members read a complete book for their first meeting and a shorter piece for the second gathering. The selected books are available in paperback and in the library.

Members say about 10 people show up for each meeting. The group has around a dozen dedicated members and others who attend when there is a book of particular interest to them.

"You can join at any time, and people can float in or out for any meeting," says McGreehan. "The only thing we ask is that they do the reading before the meeting."

With the next meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 12, potential new members might want to set their sights on reading Rezzori's *Troth* for the Jan. 26 meeting. They should expect an open discussion.

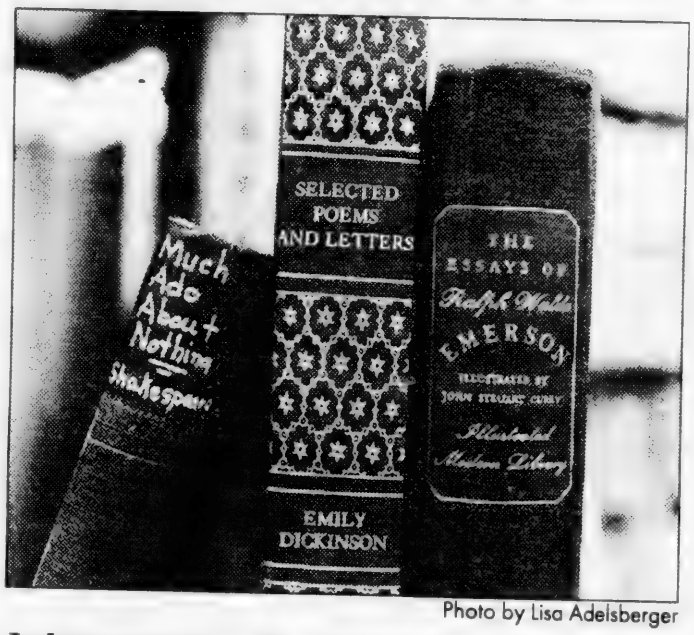


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Jackets required – The Andover Great Books Group has been tackling old and new classics for 48 years.

"It's not at all like a class. It's a discussion led by a moderator," says McGreehan, of the meetings. "There's no lecture at all. It's a disciplined discussion, but very free-flowing and relaxed."

"It's not like teaching. It's quite the opposite. You have a leader or leaders, and they progress by asking questions. They never answer anything," says Rockwell. "The leader assumes that there might be as many answers as there are people at the meeting."

McGreehan tries to keep people from talking about critical opinions of the book or its social context, so that everyone who reads the book will be on the same level and feel that they have something to add to the discussion.

"You don't need to know anything at all about the author or the historical period," she says. "You just need to have read the book. If one person teaches English Literature and one person is reading a book for the first time, we don't want the second person to feel like, 'Oh, Geez.'"

(BOOKMARK THIS ON CALENDAR continued on page 23)

PA's Russian duet: Four hands, one piano

On Sunday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. the Phillips Academy music and Russian departments will present a multimedia program of Russian music, art and poetry featuring piano "duettists" Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt.

The Suhrstedts are one of America's few touring one-piano, four-hand teams.

This free, public event will take place in Kemper Auditorium, opposite the Andover Inn on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

The Suhrstedts call the presentation *Slava* (*Glory*), the story of lost treasures which powerfully express the dramatic socioeconomic contrasts in Russian society under the Romanov Tsars.

Because of the Cold War, many of the art pieces featured in *Slava* are only now being discovered and appreciated outside Russia.



Hand it to them – The Suhrstedts at their lone piano.

The presentation at Phillips Jan. 10 will include music of Glinka, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Stravinsky; paintings of Perov, Repin, and Kustodiev; and poetry of Pushkin, Nekrasov, and Akhmatova.

The Suhrstedts live in Boston and have planned a nine-state winter tour. They recently released a new CD, *Dances for Duettists*.

The Suhrstedts have given recitals on many of the nation's prestigious concert series and their May 1998 concert at the Grand Palace in Peterhof (summer residence of Peter the Great) brought them a standing ovation, says Phillips.

Any inquiries regarding this concert may be directed to the Phillips Academy music department, at (978)749-4263, or music@andover.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Jan. 7

Open house, sponsored by Christ Church Children's Center, applications available for 1999-2000 school year, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, 33 Central St.

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Gerroll Bennett, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

FRIDAY, Jan. 8

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Greg Carey, Jim Mendrinos, Quinn Collins, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Sing Alone, Sing Along, sponsored by Doherty Parent Advisory Council and Young Adult Department of Memorial Hall Library, middle school teens can perform live or lip sync music, read poetry or perform a favorite scene from a play or movie, refreshments, door prizes, 7-9:30 p.m., Elm Square; Beth Kerrigan 623-8401, Ext. 36.

SATURDAY, Jan. 9

Railroad hobby show, sponsored by Wenham Museum, 10 a.m-4 p.m., $3 adults, $1 children 6-14, $7 family, Winthrop School, Hamilton; (978) 468-2377.

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, 8 and 10:30 p.m., *see entry under Friday, Jan. 8.*

Concert and dance party, sponsored by Crossroad Coffeehouse, Wildest Dreams blends Afro-pop, reggae, calypso, funk and New Orleans soul, 8 p.m., $10, North Parish Church, North Andover; 749-7025.

Auditions, sponsored by Trinitarian Neighborhood Theatre, for *Li'l Abner*, children grades 2-8, 1 p.m., adults and high-school age, 2:30 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Bill (978) 469-0183.

SUNDAY, Jan. 10

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Tony V., cover charge $8, *see entry under Friday, Jan. 8.*

Booksigning, sponsored by the Book Rack, Cheryl Richardson discusses and signs her book *Take Time For Your Life*, 1:30 p.m., 52 State St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8615.

Ski/snowshoe hike, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), meet at Clement Farm Woods in Haverhill, short walk if no snow, 1:30 p.m.; Art Olsen (978) 374-0751.

Recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music and Russian departments, featuring Russian music performed by piano duettists Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt, art and poetry, 3 p.m, Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4263.

MONDAY, Jan. 11

Meeting, sponsored by Andover High School PAC, 7 p.m., Media Center, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road; Lesley McCumber 475-9263.

TUESDAY, Jan. 12

Winter Camp, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, for women returning to school at NECC, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Women's Network, Student Center, Room 125H, Haverhill campus; Louise Cramer (978) 556-3832.

Precious Treasures Luncheon, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, talk on antiques, music, speaker on "Knowing Your Strengths, complimentary child care by reservation, 11:30-1:30 p.m., $11, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Lowell Street; RSVP Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228 by Jan. 7.

Great Books program, *Things Fall Apart*, Achebe, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 623-8401.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13

Talking with Your Kids About Sexuality, talk sponsored by Parent to Parent speaker series, for parents of Pre-K to grade 3, 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium, Shawsheen Road; Joan Karpinski 475-6727.

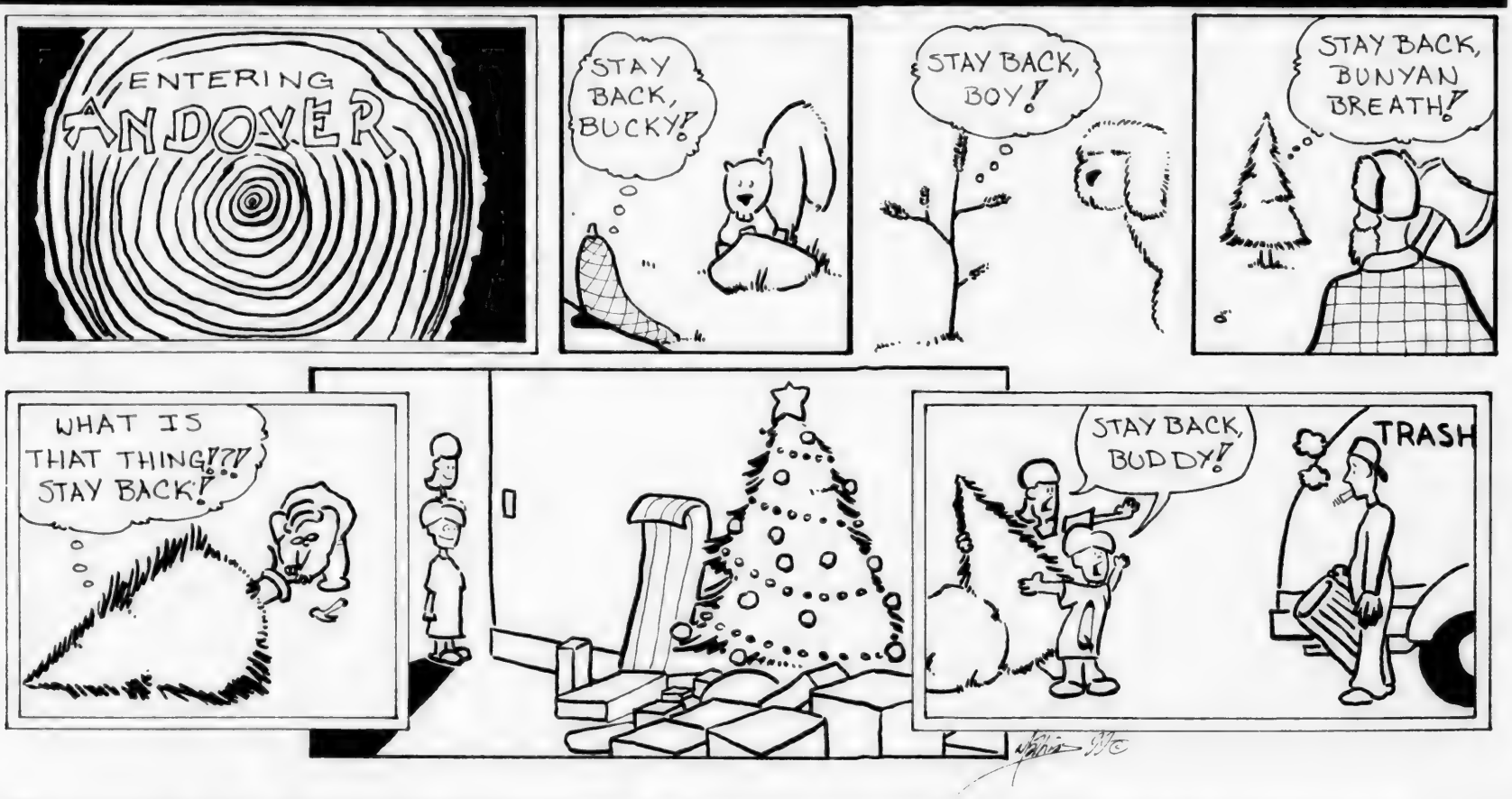
Meeting, Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), for retirees and semiretired, trip to Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, 10 a.m.; 934-3135.

In Celebration of a Lasting Legacy, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, to honor people for their contribution to the Red Cross, 5:30 p.m., refreshment, 6:30 p.m. private showing of Princess Diana Dresses Collection, American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; John Licciardi

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ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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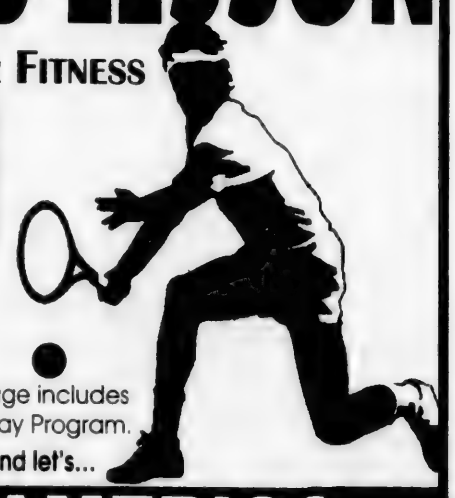
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Andover community blood drive, 2-8 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Amy 725-5374, Carol Silver 475-1068, Sandy Moreno 251-0102, Marilyn Frank 475- 6031.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Ace Aceto, *see entry under Thursday, Jan. 7.*

Breakfast meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., 8 :30 a.m. $12, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1, Newbury Street, Danvers; RSVP Adele Dean (781) 665-4058 before Jan. 7.

FRIDAY, Jan. 15

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Mike Donovan and *Maria's Bachelorette*, *see Friday, Jan. 8 entry.*

Opening reception, sponsored by Addison Gallery of American Art, exhibits *Willem de Kooning: Drawing Seeing/Seeing Drawing* and *Frame Work: American Pictures and Frames*, 6-8 p.m., Phillips Academy, Route 28 and Chapel Avenue; 749-4017.

SATURDAY, Jan. 16

Concert, sponsored by New Moon Coffeehouse, songwriter Cheryl Wheeler, 8 p.m., $15, Murray Room, Universalist Unitarian Church, at junction of Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.



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Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Mike Donovan, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., *see entry under Friday, Jan. 8.*

Bean supper, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish, handicap accessible, 4-6:30 p.m., $4 adults, $2 children under 12; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

SUNDAY, Jan. 17

Concert, sponsored by Andover Choral Society, featuring Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* and PDG Bach parody *Liebeslieder Polkas*, 3 p.m., $10, South Church, Central St.; 687-8225.

Hike, sponsored by Andover Chapter of Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Meet at Ward Hill parking lot, 1:30 p.m.; Jack Gentile (978) 658-0526.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS AT MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY INCLUDE:

- **Feb. 17 — English Month, "Victorian Tea" with Debby Dubay.**
- **Feb. 21 — Royal Victorian Opera Co., a version of Gilbert & Sullivan.**
- **March 7 — Greek Month, Greek folk dancers, St. Constantine & Helen Church.**
- **March 17 — Authentic Greek cooking by ladies of St. Constantine & Helen Church.**
- **April 11 — Japanese Month, Hisako Azumi, mezzo soprano.**
- **April 21 — Japanese flower-arranging demonstration.**
- **May 16 — Russian Month, opera classics/Russian.**
- **May 19 — Russian and American, "We Have a Mutual History" by Margaret Coleman.**

Memorial Hall Library has announced the following cultural events and programs. The library will continue its Look Towards the Millennium observance with monthly ethnic programs through June.

January is Chinese Month at the library.

Sunday concert

Guiping Deng, soprano, and Long Wu will perform at the library on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. Free to the public.

A native of China, Guiping Deng graduated from Beijing Central Conservatory of Music. Her voice has been described "as mellow as a summer day. and as freshly crystalline as a raining brook, she holds the audience, in the palm of her hand." She is a master of contemporary and traditional repertoire.

Long Wu, a Chinese pianist and accompanist, has performed on four continents in the past 20 years. Born in Shanghai, be began piano studies at the age of 5. He is presently completing a doctor of musical arts degree in collaborative piano at Boston University.

Saturday program

Professor Lo Fong will demonstrate Chinese brush painting on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. Lo Fong has a B.A. in art from National Taiwan Normal University where she is a professor in art. Her paintings have been exhibited in many one-person shows and international exhibitions, and have won major awards. Lo

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BIRTHS

ANDERSEN – A son, Zachary Toft, born to Christian Toft and Christine (Hashem) Andersen of Andover on Nov. 21 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Joyce F. Hashem of Andover, James F. Hashem of Westford and Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Andersen of Falmouth. Zachary has two brothers, Bryson, 8, and Griffin, 20 months.

BATES – A son, Jeremy Vincent, born to Gary and Kim (Frisbie) Bates of Northwood, N.H., on Oct. 6. Grandparents are Vincent and Joanne Bates of Andover, Edward and Joy Frisbie of Epsom, N.H., and Ted and Cheryl Lloyd of Northwood, N.H. Jeremy has a sister, Marissa Anne, 2.

DEACON – A son, Alexander Maclean, born to Bruce and Sharon Barry Deacon of Andover on Dec. 29 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Patrick and Mary Barry of Andover and Dr. Robert Deacon of East Kingston, N.H. Great-grandmother is Elizabeth Born of Andover. Alexander has a sister, Alyssa Quinn.

DiCLEMENTE – Twins, Kyle James and Kara Ann, born to Christopher and Vicky DiClemente of Round Rock, Texas, on Oct. 28. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James DiClemente of Andover and Mrs. Clinton Bonner of Schodack, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank DiClemente of Andover and Anna Grant of East Greenbush, N.Y.

DLESK – A daughter, Nicole Dolores, born to David and Judy (Paliga) Dlesk of 22 Fossen Way on Dec. 17 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Joe and Joanne Paliga of Westmont, Ill., and Richard Dlesk of Downers Grove, Ill. Nicole has three siblings, Katie, Jennie and DJ.

D'URSO – A daughter, Taylor Jordan, born to Sean and Johanna (Beal) D'Urso of Haverhill on Nov. 25 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are John and Dolores Beal and Kay and Steve D'Urso, all of Andover.

HERN – A son, Kevin Anthony Jr., born to Kevin Hern and Ann Marie Pattavina-Hern of 17 Lowell St. on Nov. 21 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pattavina of Methuen and Mrs. and Mrs. Daniel Hern of Melrose.

LANE – A daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, born to Kevin and Kelly (Flemming) Lane of 10 Threshe Road on Nov. 29 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA. Grandparents are Gregory and Barbara Flemming of New Canaan, Conn., and Nancy and David Lane of Naples, Fla., and Ossipee, N.H.

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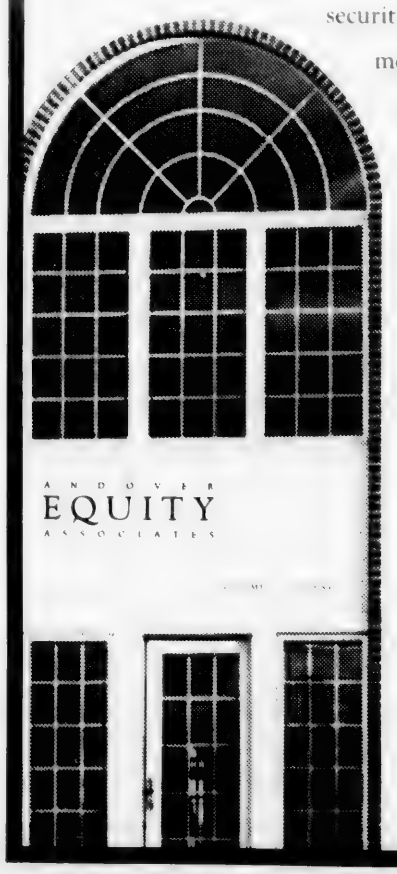
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daughter, Julia Caroline, born to J. Shamus and Claudine (Bono) McBride of Starwood Crossing on Dec. 15 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Anna and Daniel Bono of Woburn and Ruth and Anthony McBride of Adams. Great-grandparents are Annmarie Schill of Woburn and Geraldine McBride of Williamstown.

MIRISOLA – A son, Dante Edward, born to Jeffrey and Tess (Andersen) Mirisola of Kirkland, Wash., on Nov. 29. Grandparents are Robert and Patricia Mirisola of York Beach, Maine, (formerly of Andover) and Robert and Helen Andersen of Kirkland, Wash. Great-grandmother is Florence Grimley of Lawrence. Dante joins Nico, Vincent and Mercedes.

NARDOZZA – A daughter, Jessica Julieanne, born to John and Sheila (Murphy) Nardozza of 59 Juniper Road on Dec. 17.

SARVER – A daughter, Jessica Leigh, born to Scot Harper Sarver and Kathleen Patricia Sullivan Sarver of Burlington on Dec. 5 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose. Grandparents are Eugene Sullivan of Wilmington and Jane Terruso of Tyngsboro, both formerly of Andover, and John and Dolores Sarver of Saugus. Jessica's mother is also formerly of Andover.

SCANLON – Twins, Alexandra Marie Bakshi and Abby Lynn Bakshi, born to William J. and Leela Bakshi Scanlon of Bradford on Dec. 17 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Prabodh (Buck) Bakshi and Kathleen Scanlon, all of Andover, and Mr. and Mrs. William Scanlon of Newbury. Great-grandmother is Mary Scanlon of Andover. Leela has a sister, Aidan Grace, 16 months.

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OBITUARIES

Mary C. Hoyt

Longtime town resident

Mary Claire (McCann) Hoyt, 70, of Andover died Saturday, Jan. 2, at home.

Mrs. Hoyt was born and educated in Lawrence. The longtime resident of Andover was a devoted mother, grandmother and homemaker.

Members of her family include her daughter, Donna (Hoyt) Gregory of Lawrence; sons, Thomas P. Hoyt of Hudson, N.H., and Alan D. Hoyt of Andover; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Thomas J. Hoyt, her husband for 42 years.

A funeral Mass was said Wednesday in St. Mary Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by John Breen Funeral Home Inc., also in Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Marion I. Cooke Wilson

Was a secretary in medical office here

Marion I. Cooke Wilson, 77, of Manchester, N.H., died Friday, Dec. 29, at a local health care center.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High School.

She had lived in Andover before she moved to Manchester in 1993.

Mrs. Wilson wrote for the "Business Personalities" page of the *Reading Chronicle* for 20 years. She was a secretary for Dr. Blake of Andover and later a secretary in the legal department of Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

The active member of Andover Baptist Church taught Sunday school, sang in the church choir and was a member of the Friendly Circle and Cramer Circle.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Sharyn and Charles Baier of Warren, N.J.; and grandchildren, Cheryl Baier of White Plains, N.Y., and Joel Baier of Plymouth, N.H.

She was the wife of Emerson Wilson for 57 years, until he died in February 1998, and daughter of the late Harvey Jay and Ida Fitch Cooke.

A funeral was held Monday in the sanctuary of Andover Baptist Church. Burial followed in Bellevue Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Goodwin Funeral Home in Manchester, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover.

Morris Seidel

Was a longtime member of Temple Emanuel

Morris Seidel, 95, of Hallandale, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 2.

Mr. Seidel was born and raised in Germany. He and his family emigrated to South Africa in 1938. After living in Uruguay and Bolivia, Mr. Seidel moved to the Lawrence area in 1947 and to Florida in 1970.

The avid stamp collector was a member of Samuel Osgood Stamp Club and the Hollywood, Fla., Stamp Club.

He was a longtime member of Temple Emanuel of Andover.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Joel Labell of Andover; five grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was the widower of Martha (Selig) Seidel and Elsie (Bendit) Seidel.

Services were held Tuesday in Temple Emanuel. Burial followed in Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence.

Friends and family may call through Friday, Jan. 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Labell, 9 Chandler Road.

Arrangements were by Goldman-Fisher Funeral Chapel in Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel of Andover or to Chabad Lubavich of the Merrimack Valley in Andover.

Deaths Elsewhere

COHEN – Jacob B. Cohen, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and formerly of North Andover, died Monday, Dec. 21, in Hollywood, Fla.

Funeral services were held Dec. 24 in Brookline.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Malcolm and Janice Cohen of Andover.

HILLNER – Richard J. Hillner, 64, of North Andover died Thursday, Dec. 31, at Lahey Hitchcock Clinic.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Kenneth Dillman of Andover.

LLOYD – Alice (Mack) Lloyd, 98, died Sunday, Dec. 27, at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, N.H.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Jenny Lloyd of Andover.

WINN – Kathleen Winn of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Billerica, died Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Members of her family include her sister, Dorothy Winn of Andover.

Late Deaths

JAGOLTO – Joseph Jagolto, 83, of 150 Salem St., died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Salem, Mass., he was a longtime Andover resident. He worked for many years at Malden Mills and attended St. Augustine Church.

Members of his family include his brother Paul Ostrowski, and and his wife Carmen, of Andover; a niece, Jean Giles, and a nephew, Charles Murnane, both of Andover.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Michael's Church in North Andover. Burial will follow in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 7-9 p.m., and Thursday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are a few of the upcoming activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Needle art class

Carolyn Mattedi will begin a 10-week needle art class Monday, Jan. 11. The cost is $20.

Movie matinee

The Horse Whisperer, starring Robert Redford and Kristen Scott Thomas, will be shown Monday, Jan. 11, at 12:30 p.m. The story of love and redemption is combined with spectacular scenery.

Men's breakfast

The men's group will hold their monthly breakfast Friday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 a.m. Men's outings for the coming year will be planned and speakers will present a variety of opportunities to choose from. Breakfasts are $3 and open to all area men. Call the center to make a reservation.

Winter exercise options

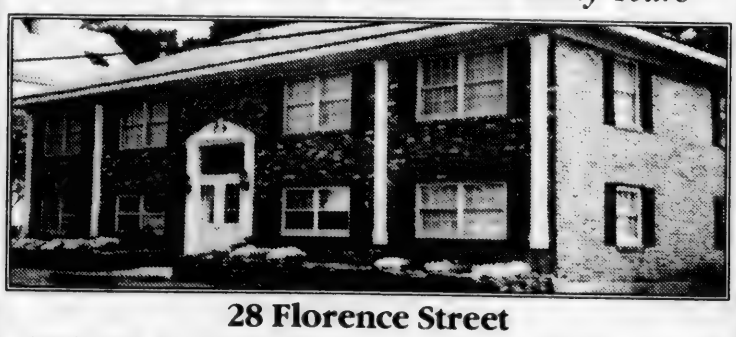
The Senior Center offers classes in water aerobics, strength training for women, yoga, tai chi, line dancing, a men's exercise group and low impact aerobics. Make a new year's resolution to stay active even during the cold, winter months. Call the center for information on times and costs.

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LIBRARY NEWS

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was a visiting scholar at Stanford University. Shen I-Cheng will also be part of the program. He will demonstrate and discuss his collection of antique children and adult Chinese headwear.

Morning Book Discussion

Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m., *Birdsong*, Sebastian Faulks

Great Books Program

Things Fall Apart, Achebe, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Troth, Rezzori, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Artist of the Month

Richard Lee will exhibit his work for the month of January. He is a fellow of the Britain's Royal Photographic Society and has solo exhibitions at the Peabody Museum and Addison Gallery of American Art. His work can be seen in the permanent collections of both institutions.

According to organizers, all of his photographs are representative excerpts from his journeys, "indicative of his desire to find the China of his youth... whether it be virgin landscapes, ways of life, or ethnic minorities."

Children's Room news

Andover/North Andover Community Partnerships for Children Program and the Children's Room present "Mindful Choices and Parenting in the '90s" taking control of the influences affecting our children's development and growth to their full potential, Thursday, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. This program will be presented by Marcy Tannerbaum-Fox, M.Ed., a training consultant working with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center employees in Boston and Families First in Cambridge. Workshops include Parenting Education, Stress Management, and Balancing Work and Family.

RSVP to the Community Partnerships for Children Program at 681-4996 by Friday, Jan. 15.

Reference news

A selection of tax forms are available in the lower level hallway. For additional forms and publications, the library provides a variety of resources. Reproducible forms arrive later in February and are shelved next to the reference desk. The library subscribes to the Commerce Clearing House notebooks of Federal forms and IRS publications, which may be photocopied.

CD-ROM products for the public are available on a stand-alone computer in the reference area. CCH Perform Plus with an archival disc provides basic forms from all 50 states. Printing of federal tax products is available on this same computer.

For those who prefer using the Internet, call ahead to reserve a terminal to access the IRS and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue sites.

The library will not provide tax volunteer help this year. Help is available for senior citizens through the Council on Aging.

Rabbi Robert Goldstein to speak on the relevance of the Sabbath

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel will be the guest preacher at the Sunday, Jan. 10, service at South Church, 41 Central St. His topic will be "Is the Sabbath Still Relevant Today?" (Exodus 20:1-18). The Fellowship Committee will host a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Chamber sets January events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold several events during the month of January.

The Chamber, together with Methuen Co-operative Bank and the Red Tavern, will sponsor a "Welcome in the New Year" marketing mixer Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Red Tavern, 5 Pleasant St., Methuen. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, display tables and door prizes.

The cost is $8 per person, two for $10.

The Government Affairs Committee will present the sixth annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast Friday, Jan. 22, at Andover Country Club on Canterbury Street from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. Invited guests include Andover Town Manager Reginald Stapczynski, Lawrence Mayor Patricia Dowling, Methuen Mayor Dennis DiZoglio, North Andover Town Manager Robert Halpin, Amesbury Mayor Nicholas Costello, Haverhill Mayor James Rurak, Lowell Mayor Eileen Donoghue and Newburyport Mayor Mary Carrier. Dan Warner, editor of the *Eagle-Tribune*, will be the moderator.

The cost of $15 includes a breakfast buffet.

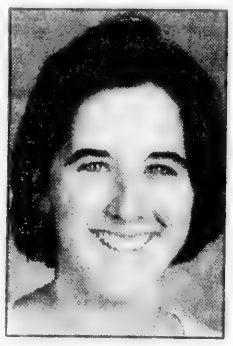
The Executive Breakfast Series at the Lanam Club will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, at 8 a.m. The breakfast series is designed to bring together Chamber members with unique individuals who have a wide impact on business and industry in the Merrimack Valley.

Invited guests include the following superintendents of schools: Dr. Claudia Bach, Andover; Dr. William E. Allen, North Andover; Dr. Mae Gaskins, Lawrence; Dr. Charles P. Littlefield, Methuen; and Frank Vacirca, Greater Lawrence Technical School.

The cost of $15 includes breakfast.

For more information on these events, or to make reservations, call the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 686-0900.

Richard joins Direct Results



Jennifer Richard

Direct Results Group, a direct marketing agency, is staffing up its Boston offices to meet the demands of recently announced new accounts. New staff members include **Jennifer H. Richard** of Andover, account coordinator.

Frank Papsadore, CPO (chief people officer) and executive director of creative services, says the company's growth "rests on our commitment to account service, so our agency will continue to keep pace with client requirements."

Richard's client-side experience will be brought to bear on Direct Results Group accounts. Richard was formerly a quality administrator with Putnam Investments, and worked at Rhode Island College's Center for Management and Technology. She has a B.A. in communications from Rhode Island College.



Reaching out — Wild Harvest vice president Josh Kruger and Andover Wild Harvest store manager Christine Davitt (left and right) are congratulated by Gov. Paul Cellucci, after the store received an Exemplary Employer award for hiring, promoting and training people with disabilities. The store has employed 11 people with disabilities, in positions including bagger, utility worker, dishwasher and food preparation.

Wennik&Motta agency moves to Main Street

Wennik&Motta Inc., an agency that specializes in the representation of marketing communications, product marketing and creative services professionals for contract, freelance and full-time positions, has recently moved to new offices at 23 Main St.

The agency services the Greater Boston area including Providence, R.I., Worcester and Southern New Hampshire as well as those in other states and abroad who need access to marketing expertise in this region.

The agency's founding partners, **Inga Wennik** and **Kristin Motta**, have backgrounds in sales, marketing and creative management.

Their main focus is the placement of consultants into marketing departments that need interim help with marketing projects, from strategic planning to product launches to collateral development to Internet design and e-commerce. These placements can be short or long-term, and sometimes lead to full-time positions.

Wennik&Motta also represents graphics professionals: designers, production artists, production managers, traffic coordinators, copy writers, editors, web designers, imaging specialists and illustrators for freelance, project or full-time placements. The agency can also put together teams of professionals to deliver complete design projects from concept development to final production, providing clients with their own "virtual" creative department.

Wennik&Motta also work with start-up companies that do not yet have a marketing staff. They connect such companies with marketing consultants who help write business and marketing plans and help implement them.

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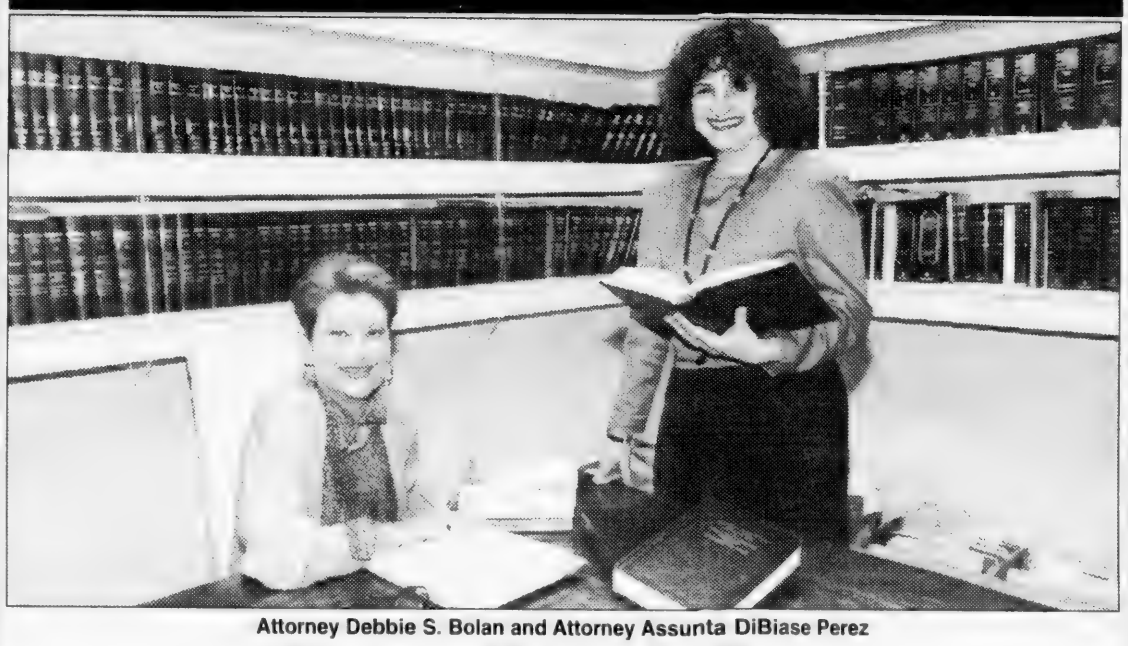
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Professional Profile



Attorney Debbie S. Bolan and Attorney Assunta DiBiase Perez

Attorney Debbie S. Bolan

Attorney Debbie S. Bolan, along with her staff, which includes her associate, Attorney Assunta DiBiase Perez, provides a full service office with concentrations in the areas of Domestic Relations, Bankruptcy, Retail and Commercial Collections, Civil Litigation, Administration of Estate/Guardianship, Real Estate and Personal Injury.

In practice for 24 years in the Lawrence area, Attorney Bolan was the first woman President of the Lawrence Bar Association and Chair of the Commercial Law League, which organization' members traditionally provide collection and bankruptcy services throughout the country. Her membership in said organization permits Attorney Bolan to provide services to her clients beyond her own geographical restrictions and often on a contingency basis.

Attorney Bolan has been affiliated with the Greater Lawrence Y.W.C.A. and with the Greater Lawrence Mental Health Center as Chairman of the Board. Her involvement with these organizations has contributed to her success in her Domestic and Family Law practice where, over the years, she has successfully litigated and won more than her fair share of contested custody battles.

Attorney Bolan believes in being responsive to her client's needs and providing quality services. She has gained a reputation as being a tough but fair adversary. A veteran of countless trials in multiple courts, Attorney Bolan still believes that negotiation, rather than litigation, wins the day. She also believes, however, that the best defense is an offense and has the added benefit of allowing one to negotiate from a position of strength.

A resident of Andover since 1968 and mother of two Andover High School graduates, Marc and Geoff Bolan, she currently maintains offices at 200 Sutton Street, North Andover, MA. Phone: (978) 683-5972.

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BUSINESS

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Michael Driscoll



Michele Haddad

Andover Bank promotes two

Andover Bank has announced two promotions. **Michael J. Driscoll**, of Franklin, has been made vice president of mortgage origination and **Michele A. Haddad**, of Andover, is branch banking officer and manager of the South Lawrence Branch at 305 South Broadway.

Driscoll will be responsible for managing the residential mortgage sales program and will also continue to provide home financing assistance to realtors, builders and home owners.

Driscoll received both his bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from Babson College, and serves as a director on the board of the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association Associates. Haddad has been with Andover Bank for 20 years, and has held various positions in the retail area. Most recently, she was assistant branch manager of the Pleasant Valley office. Haddad received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Salem State College.



Yani Deros

Deros promoted

Yani Deros, of Andover, senior industrial designer at the industrial design firm Roche Harkins Design, has been promoted to group leader, Industrial Design & Engineering.

The promotions comes as the company establishes a new organizational structure centered around multiple "group leaders."

Deros has been with Roche Harkins for more than two years, working in numerous areas of design engineering, including consumer electronics, furniture, appliances, home goods, and personal care and commercial products.

"Our firm has more than doubled in size over the past couple years," said **Jack Harkins**, principal of Roche Harkins Design. "The focus of our new structure is to ensure client satisfaction through quality design and efficiency. Our group leaders now manage project organization and designs, internal organization, and company growth. Additionally, they are responsible for client satisfaction."

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Sports

Girls gymnastics and basketball teams, track teams are enjoying young winter campaign so far

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls gymnastics team opened its season in style, as freshman Becky Haas and senior Capt. Laurie Willey came through with strong efforts in a 132.45 to 120.95 Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet victory over Chelmsford at the Dunn Gym.

The AHS girls basketball team continues to impress despite its youth, and the indoor track teams swept to victory in their most recent dual meet against Lawrence.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Becky Haas, in her AHS varsity debut, highlighted her performance by tying the school record with a 9.35 score on the way to first place in floor exercise against visiting Chelmsford.

Haas also finished third in the vault (8.45) and third on the uneven bars (8.4), and was second to Lions' spectacular senior Catherine Gardner in the all-around competition.

Haas checked in with a 33.90 while Gardner had a season-opening 35.20 all-around score that included firsts on bars (9.1), balance beam (8.8) and second in floor (9.2).

Haas' 9.35 equaled the AHS floor record set four years ago by Tara Cullen.

"Becky has a killer floor routine and a lot of personality," said coach Julie Chapman. "She was understandably nervous at the start of the meet, but by the time we got to floor she was more relaxed and had some fun with it."

Laurie Willey was third all-around with a 33.45, her night including a second on bars (8.6), tie for second on balance beam (8.2) and tie for third in floor (8.7).

"It was an excellent team score for a first meet," said coach Chapman. "And I feel we can improve it by at least two points, because we didn't have a strong meet on beam and our bars score would have been higher if not for a couple falls.

"I think we can go at least 1½ points higher on beam and add at least a half-point on bars if the routines are clean."

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The Lady Warriors may have to be that good in their second meet, tonight at home against pre-season MVC co-favorite Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

Masco comes to town with a 1-0 record after an impressive 135.15 to 130.15 opening win over North Andover.

"A lot of people think whoever wins between us and Masco will be the league champ," said Chapman. "If we beat them I think the only thing that could stop us then would be injuries."

Injuries to a couple key gymnasts last year played a big part in deciding the title, with AHS below-par for its championship showdown against Methuen.

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Also placing top four on beam against Chelmsford were junior Krit Kearins and senior Capt. Kerri Krivelow. Kearins tied for second with an 8.2 and Krivelow was fourth at 7.75.

Freshman Bahaar Massihzadegan tied Chelmsford's Lauren Gardner for first in vault, both scoring 8.5, while AHS sophomore Gretchen Fuhr was fourth at 8.3.

Senior Capt. Lindsey Rudolph tied for third in floor with an 8.7.

"We had 8's across the board in floorand that's encouraging," said Chapman.

In addition to Haas, Willey and Rudolph, other top floor scores came from Krivelow (8.45), Massihzadegan (8.2) and Kearins (8.0).

Massihzadegan also had a 7.65 on bars, while on beam freshman Jackie Barry registered a 7.65 and

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AHS ROUNDUP

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sophomore Leslie Nichols a 6.35.

Senior Capt. Kate Gerry is nursing a foot injury and did not compete.

Schedule

Although it's only the second meet of the season, the MVC title could very well be up for grabs tonight when Andover hosts Masconomet Regional at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After throwing a scare into mighty Methuen in their Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship game, the Lady Warriors took out their frustrations on visiting Bishop Fenwick of Peabody by rolling to a 61-26 non-league victory four days later at the Dunn Gymnasium.

"We keep changing the starting five," said coach Jim Tildsley. "Almost everyone has had at least one start, and right now the girls don't know from one game to the next who the first five will be.

"It's a way of keeping things interesting and guarding against complacency. No one has a starting position assured.

"Each game we get a little better defensively, and the intensity level has been incredible," said Tildsley. "We still have a way to go offensively. We're turning the ball over too much."

Schedule

Tomorrow night the locals begin an 11-day stretch with four potentially easy victories staring them in the face.

Andover travels to Lowell tomorrow night to battle the struggling Red Raiders (2-4), and remains on the road next week with games at Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 Tewksbury (Monday, 7:30 p.m.) and at non-league Masconomet Regional (Thursday, 5 p.m.).

Tewksbury is 2-4 and Masco fell to AHS, 56-33, two days before Christmas in the first of their home-and-home set.

Injury-riddled Billerica comes to town on Jan. 19, followed by a rematch with Methuen at the

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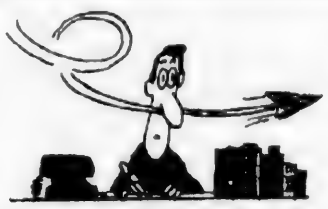


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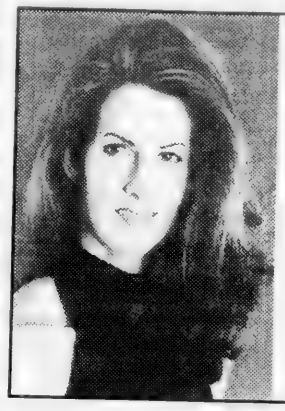
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AHS ROUNDUP

Rangers' Field House on Friday, Jan. 22.

Andover 61
Bishop Fenwick 26

Freshmen Katie Kramer and Megan Pinksten were among the starting five in this one, which saw a balanced attack with 11 of 12 players contributing to the winners' scoring.

Capt. Janice Coppolino was the only player on either side in double figures, finishing with 11 points. She also had seven rebounds, four assists, four steals and three blocked shots.

Sophomore guard Lisa Tisbert and junior guard Lindsey Pearson had eight points and five assists each, while Pinksten contributed eight points and six rebounds.

Freshman forward Shannon Sweeney produced seven points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals, while junior forward Michelle Danis added six points and six boards.

Kramer finished with a symmetrical four-point, four-assist, four-steal performance, and freshman forward Kristen Swoboda netted four points.

Kaitlin Dargan and junior forward Leah Spires had a basket each and Jill Oppenheim converted a free throw.

Fenwick, which fell to 3-3 with the loss, managed only eight field goals in the game and was led by Kelly Baril with eight points and Lisa Juden six (all free throws).

Andover led 27-14 at the half and outscored the Lady Crusaders 34-12

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1999 is the International Year of the Older Person

The United Nations has declared 1999 the International Year of the Older Person, a theme that will run through programming at the Senior Center this year. The center will collaborate with Merrimack College to develop a Peace and Justice week Feb. 8-14, to complement the U.N. theme. Some intergenerational activities will be held at the college, others at the Senior Center.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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after the break.

Methuen 67
Andover 51

The Lady Warriors gave the favored Rangers a lot to think about early, racing to a 10-point lead (21-11) midway through the first half in their Christmas Tournament title game before a noisy crowd of more than 1,000 fans at the Rangers' Field House.

"We match up very well with Methuen defensively," said coach Tildsley. "In the end their overall experience was the difference."

The Rangers battled back to take a slim two-point lead, 30-28, at the break before outpointing the locals 37-23 over the final 16 minutes.

"I think we scared them a little. We gave them a go," said Tildsley. "It was the first time this season they were challenged.

"The place was buzzing until we went through a rough five-minute stretch in the second half that allowed Methuen to take control. It's something you have to expect with a young team.

"They pressed us the whole game," added Tildsley. "Our girls didn't get rattled but we did rush things at times and committed 27 turnovers."

Janice Coppolino, who played the entire first half and most of the second, shared game-high scoring honors with 17 points. She also ripped down 14 rebounds and handed out four assists.

Kristen Swoboda was a major surprise with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Lindsey Pearson netted eight points and distributed six assists.

Shannon Sweeney and Michelle Danis pocketed four points each, with Sweeney also passing our four assists.

Lisa Tisbert completed the scoring with a bucket.

Defensively, Swoboda did the bulk of the work on Methuen scoring machine Katherine Curry and held her to eight points (four each half). Pearson also did a terrific job holding Hilary Glynn to 11 points.

Amy Johnson and Lisa Golobski picked up the slack for the undefeated Rangers with 17 and 16 points respectively.

HOCKEY

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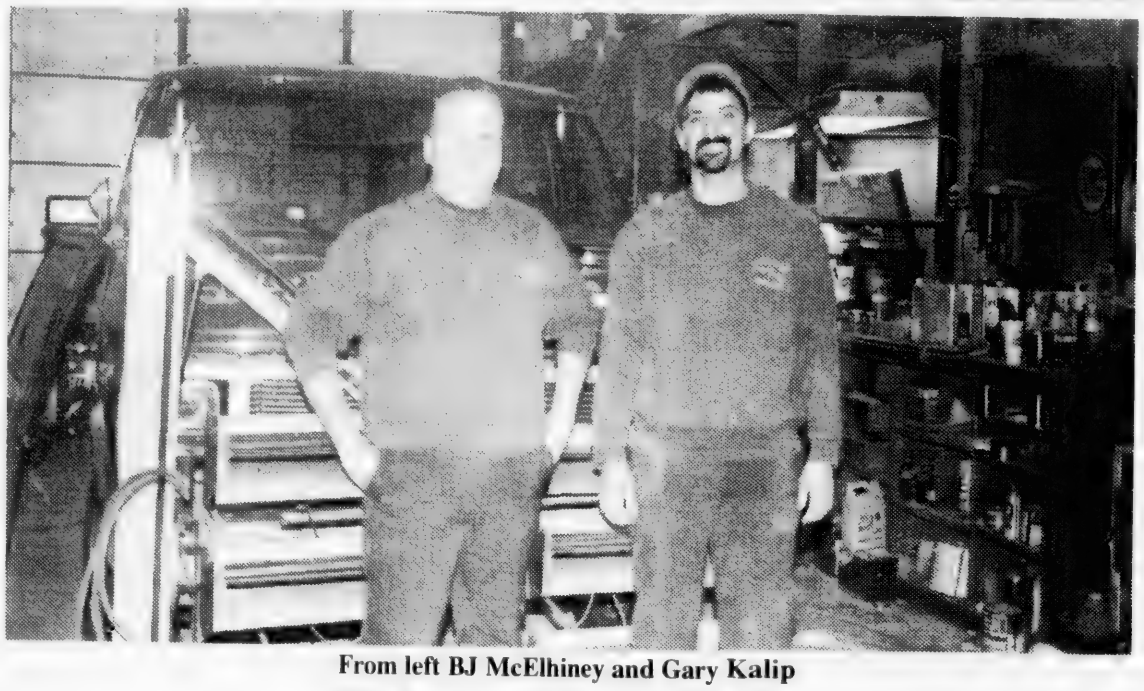
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AHS ROUNDUP

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regular season schedule, broke into the victory column with a recent 2-1 triumph over Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 rival Lincoln-Sudbury.

That win followed a lackluster effort in a 5-2 non-league loss to Winthrop.

There are few breathers left on the schedule, which includes four games against Division 1 schools, two each with Division 2 archrivals Methuen and Haverhill, and one with Division 3 power Dracut.

Schedule

Andover, 1-4-1 overall and 1-1 in MV/DCL Division 2 play, has a tough week.

The locals traveled to the Janas Rink in Lowell last night to face Division 1 Tewksbury (2-4), and Saturday afternoon AHS will host MV/DCL Division 1 co-leader Chelmsford which entered its game against Arlington Catholic last night with a perfect 5-0 record.

Andover 2
Lincoln-Sudbury 1

The Golden Warriors first victory of the season came in their first-ever home game at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

It was achieved in dramatic fashion, as twin brothers Mike and Tim Sheehy produced the play that broke a 1-1 tie with only 1:17 left in the game.

Orange Line forward Dave Morin gave the locals a 1-0 lead with his first goal of the season at 7:03 of the opening period, the assist to junior Brooks School transfer Jason Swift.

L-S tied it with nine seconds left in the first stanza, and it remained 1-1 until Mike Sheehy's clutch game-winner at 13:43 of the third frame.

Mike and Tim Sheehy escaped on a 2-on-1 rush, and as Tim carried the puck into the zone Mike broke hard for the net.

The L-S goaltender leaned towards Tim as he slipped a pass across to Mike, who fired a quick shot just inside the far post.

Capt. Mike Johnson was solid in net as he stopped 20 of 21 L-S shots. Andover finished with a 28-21 shots-on-goal edge.

"The fourth line really helped us again in this game," said head coach Bill Cullen. "Chris Cataldo, Matt Busby and Mark Champion gave us two strong shifts in the middle of the third period, when our other forwards were starting to tire.

"The fourth-liners put some pressure on the Sudbury goalie, and there's no question they'll see more ice time as the season goes along."

Winthrop 5
Andover 2

The locals followed their upbeat 3-3 tie against Beverly with this non-league downer at the Winthrop Junior High Rink.

"It's a tough game to figure," said Cullen. "Winthrop had just lost to Beverly 8-0 the game before so I thought we had a real shot at them.

"It was a diappointing performance. I thought we'd come off the Beverly tie with more fire. We lacked intensity. When you're dealing with young athletes it's tough to gauge how they'll do from one game to the next."

Mike Thomas gave AHS a quick 1-0 lead just 1:05 into the game, assist to Jon Ofria, but Winthrop (4-1) tied it at 8:54 on a power play goal by Gerald DeAngelis.

DeAngelis and Bob McFarland connected 79 seconds apart early in the second period for the Vikings, and Ed Rossi's goal at 10:16 put Andover in a 4-1 hole.

Tim Sheehy netted his third goal 44 seconds later, assists to Mike Sheehy and senior defenseman/Capt. Mike Mallon, as the Golden Warriors cut the deficit to 4-2.

Winthrop netminder Bob DeFreitas shut AHS down the rest of the way, while DeAngelis completed his hat trick with an insurance goal on the power play 1:17 into the third session.

Mike Johnson made 26 saves for Andover as Winthrop finished with a 31-22 shots-on-goal advantage.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High boys and girls indoor track teams rolled to easy Merrimack Valley Conference inter-division dual-meet victories over Lawrence recently, the boys cruising 53-33 and the girls crushing the Lancers, 71-15, at the AHS Field House.

Those results left the Warrior boys at 2-0 overall and the girls at 2-1.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors will compete in the Boys Invitational this Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

The next MVC Division 1 dual meet is next Wednesday afternoon against visiting Billerica at the AHS Field House (3:30 p.m.).

Andover boys 53
Lawrence 33

Individual first-place finishers for the locals were senior 50-yard hurdler Long Dang (6.9), Capt. Matt Spitzer in the 600 run (1:23.7). Capt. Sean Higgins in the 1000 run (2:36.4), junior miler Greg Stamm (4:52.5), senior two-miler Brian Chi (11:16.1) and junior high jumper Charles Murnane (5'10").

The Golden Warriors also captured the 4x400 relay with Higgins, Dang, Spitzer and junior Chad Mongeau (3:55.5).

Placing second for Andover were junior sprinter Mike Giles (50 dash, 5.9). Murnane in the hurdles (7.0), Capt. Andy Pelletier (300 dash, 36.3), Mongeau (600 run, 1:25.3) and junior shot putter Mike Burnett (37'1").

AHS completed its scoring with four third places nailed down by junior sprinter Luis Santiago (50 dash, 6.0), senior Jehsen Gomez (600 run, 1:25.4), junior two-miler Brian Gosselin (12:03.3) and senior Capt, Jim Delaney in the shot put (35'6").

Andover girls 71
Lawrence 15

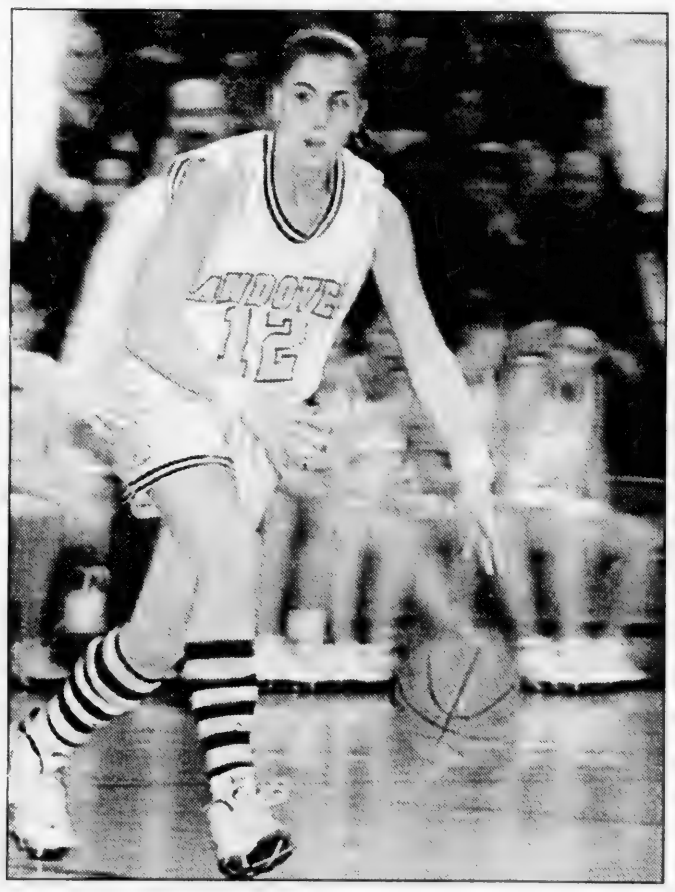
The Lady Warriors placed first in eight of the 10 events and swept the 50 hurdles, 1000 run, two-mile and high jump.

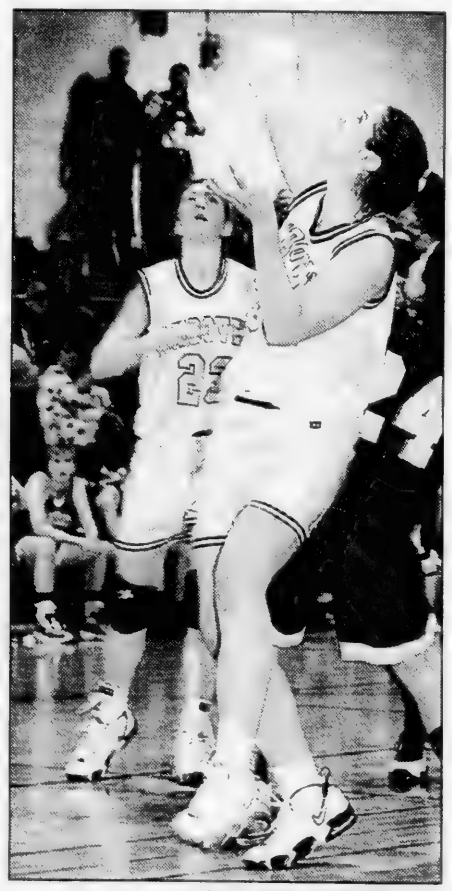
Individual first-place finishers were senior hurdler Shannon Callahan-Higgins (7.8), junior Allison Corey (600 run, 1:37.6), senior Capt. Kristen Munson (1000 run, 3:01.1), sophomore miler Emily Pfeil (5:57.9), senior Capt. Pam Muller in the deuce (13:04.1), junior high jumper Liz Connors (4'10") and sophomore shot putter Ogechi Ibe (28'5").

AHS also won the 4x400 relay with sophomore Tina Baraby, sophomore Suzie Arraujo, Heidi Carroll and Virginia Carroll (5:25.4).

Runners-up were sophomore hurdler Stephanie Pierce (7.8), senior sprinter and Capt. Chidinma Ibe (50 dash, 6.6), sophomore Sheena Patel (300 dash, 42.6), junior Caity Murray (600 run, 1:38.1), freshman Lindsey Durkin (1000 run, 3:12.8), sophomore miler Caitlin Woo (6:05.5), senior two-miler Asya Sibova (13:13.1) and junior high jumper Lexi Contos (4'10").

Finishing third were senior hurdler Lindsay Delaney (8.5), junior Jenny Hsu (50 dash, 6.8), junior Megan Munroe (300 dash, 43.2), senior Capt. Leslie Ring (1000 run, 3:20.1), senior two-miler Jacqui Sawyer (13:41), Pfeil in the high jump (4'10") and junior shot putter Robin Young (25'10").





Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Despite the best efforts of Lindsey Pearson (left) and Janice Coppolino (above), the Lady Warriors came up short against Haverhill in Tuesday night action, losing 42-41. Andover travels to Lowell tomorrow night, Friday, to battle the struggling Red Raiders (who are 2-4), and remains on the road next week with games at Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 Tewksbury (Monday, 7:30 p.m.) and at non-league Masconomet Regional (Thursday, 5 p.m.).

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Docket No. 98P2164-EP1

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In the **ESTATE OF OLIVE L. WILSON, otherwise known as OLIVE LOUISE WILSON, OLIVE WILSON and OLIVE T. WILSON.**

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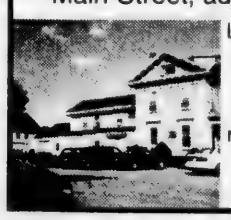
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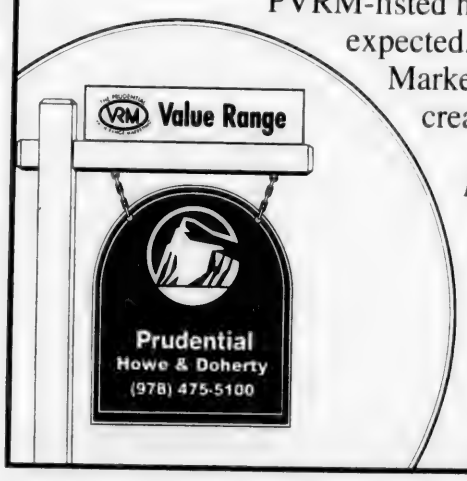
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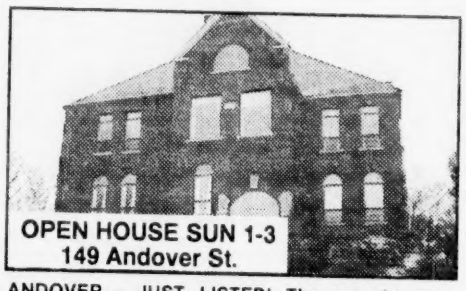
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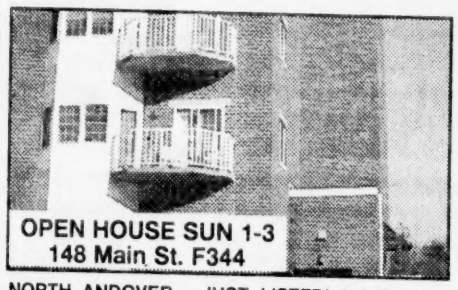
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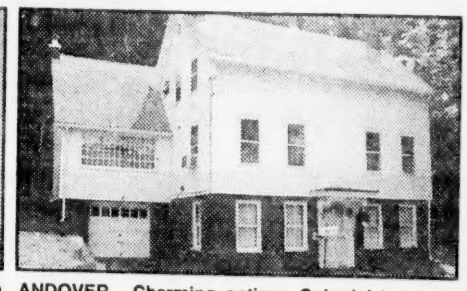
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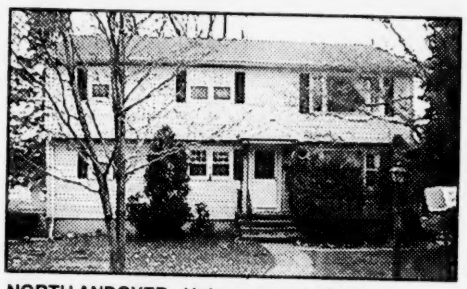
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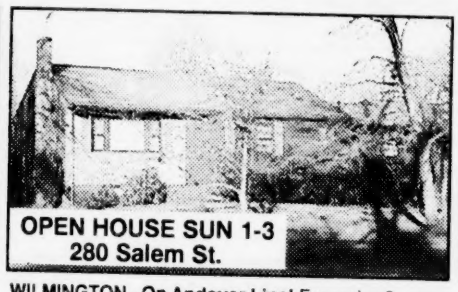
NORTH ANDOVER - JUST LISTED! Let the sun shine in! Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath, meticulously maintained unit at Sutton Pond. Wonderful built-in bookcase and desk area in second bedroom. A new listing by Anne Sinkinson. **$134,500**



ANDOVER - Charming antique Colonial has been totally remodeled. Gorgeous family room with fireplace and hardwood floor. 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms. South School district. Heated basement. **$180,000**



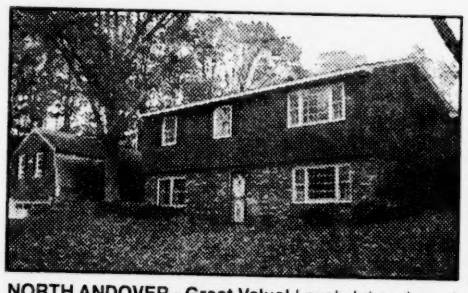
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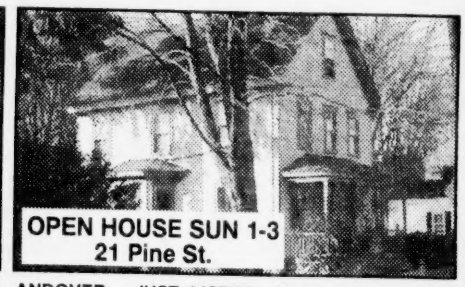
ANDOVER - Great opportunity for starter home. Needs updating. Close to South School and Ballardvale train station. Fabulous lot abuts woods. **$224,900**



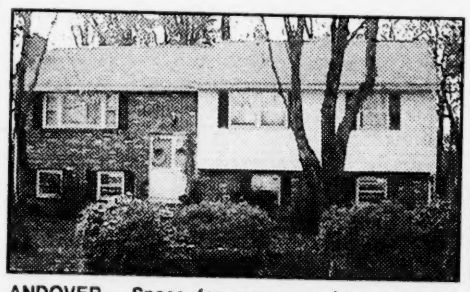
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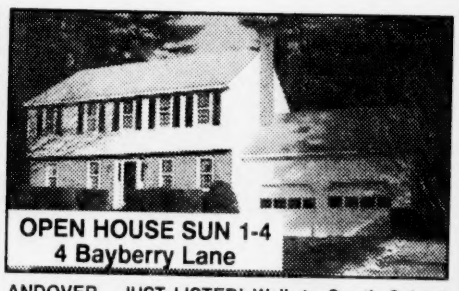
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ANDOVER - Space for everyone. Attractive, well maintained split in superb cul-de-sac neighborhood. Nicely sited on landscaped lot. Hardwood floors. Fieldstone fireplace. Absolute move-in condition. **$289,900**



ANDOVER - Young 8 room, 4 bedroom Garrison Colonial with large, bright eat-in kitchen. Oversized master has vaulted ceiling and walk-in closet. Well maintained yard with sprinkler system. Central air and more! **$309,900**



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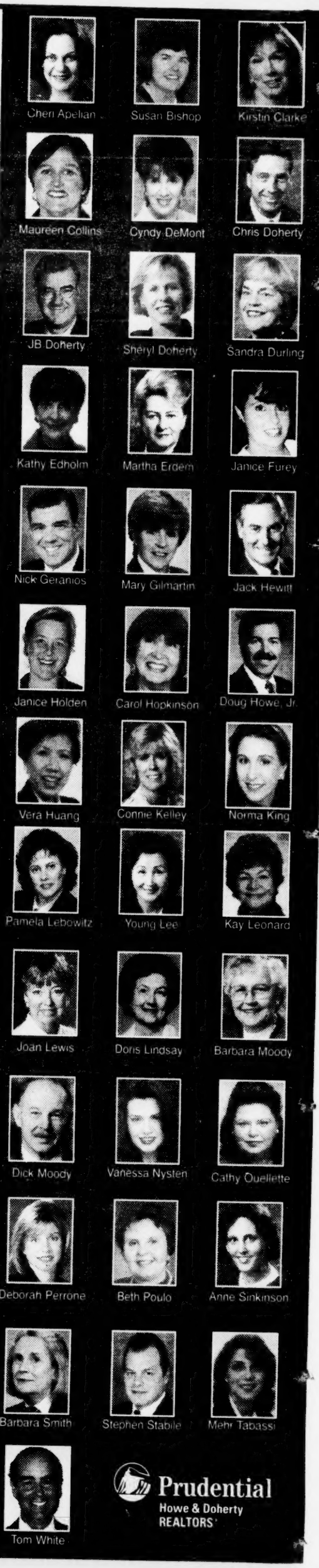
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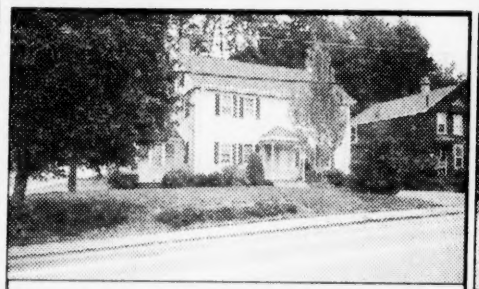
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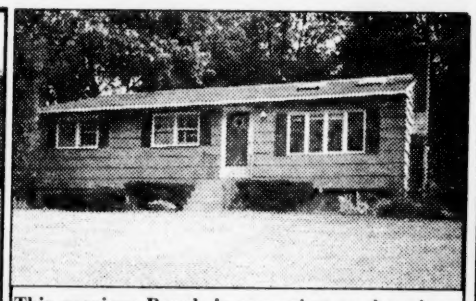
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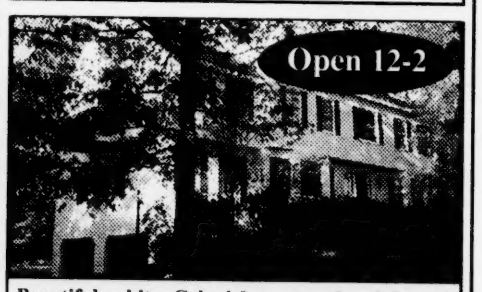
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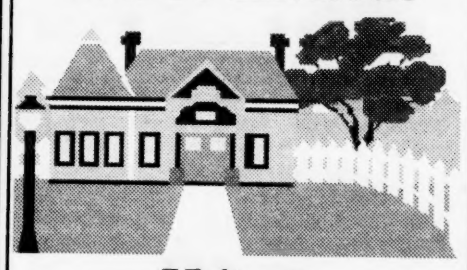


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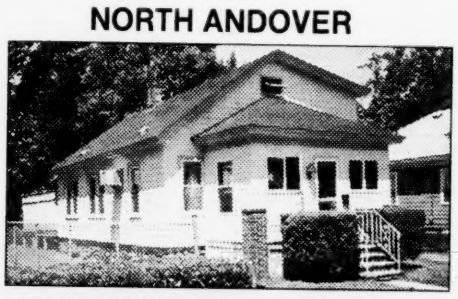
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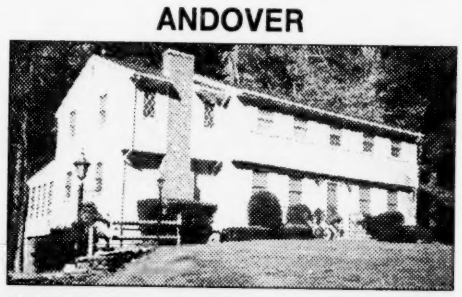
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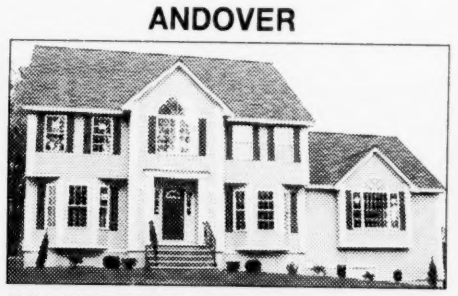
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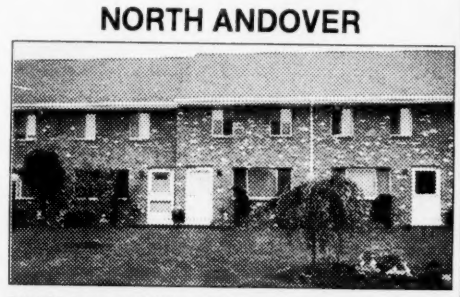
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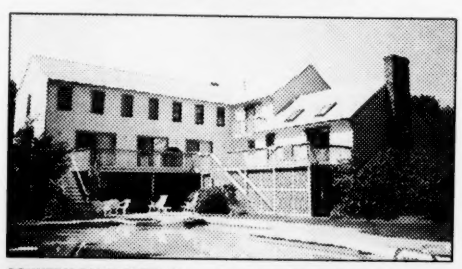
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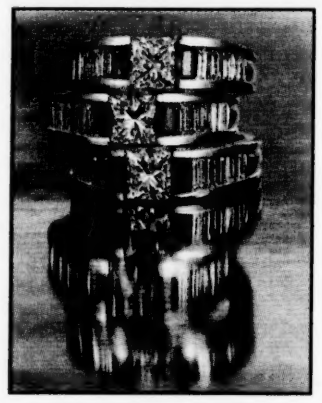
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